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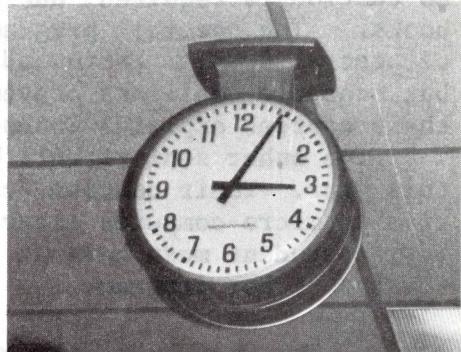
Activities limited

## Policy extends school's day

Students at Montevallo High School must now attend classes until 3:05 p.m., which is twenty minutes longer than in previous years. This schedule change is due to the State of Alabama's new Plan of Excellence.

The plan requires 360 minutes of actual instruction per day for no less than 175 days. This policy also limits the number and length of pep rallies and the number of school activities at night, which caused the MHS-Calera game to be re-scheduled from Thursday to Friday.

It also prohibits fundraising events (such as snake shows and volleyball games between faculty and students) during school hours and eliminates activity period from the schedule. The plan was designed by State Superintendent Wayne Teague and adopted on Jan. 12, 1984, by the State Board of Education.



### ALMOST TIME

Since school has been extended 20 minutes this year, clocks receive more attention than ever. Students anxiously wait for the 3:05 bell which now signals the end of the school day.

## Teacher receives new duties

Mr. Johnnie McClain is MHS's newly appointed assistant principal. He will be working along with Principal Norman Payne on various school-related activities.

Mr. McClain will not be present in the office the whole school day, as he will still conduct Democracy/Economics classes and an accounting class.

He will be available before school, third, fourth, and sixth periods. Mr. Payne comments, "Mr. McClain will be handling discipline and administrative duties."

During the past summer Mr. McClain served as principal for Montevallo High School's summer school which served all the schools in Shelby County. He also completed the work at the University of Montevallo for the AA certificate in his teaching field.

## Newcomers raise enrollment

Four hundred thirty-nine students are on roll at Montevallo High School for the 1984-85 year. According to guidance counselor Colleen Colley, this number represents the largest enrollment in several years.

There are 33 newcomers to MHS, including an exchange student from Denmark. The freshman class is largest with a total of 139. There are 121 sophomores, 108 juniors and 91 seniors.

### For safety

## Staff wears special tags

Employees of the Shelby County Board of Education now wear identification cards. These cards, to be worn at all times while on school property, are required for administrators, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, maintenance technicians and teachers.

Substitute teachers also wear identification.

Superintendent Ellie B. Glasscox says that they were added for the protection of the students. Each card contains the employee's position, name, social security number and photo.

Visitors to the school  
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## Students take UM classes

German is on the schedule of four juniors and six seniors this year. Classes are held at the University of Montevallo, and students will receive college credit. No tuition is required, but students furnish their own books. The special program is conducted by the School of Liberal Arts. Latin and French are also available, but schedule conflicts prevent MHSers from enrolling in these courses explains Counselor Colleen Colley.

Five other seniors will be attending the University this year. Their courses range from Western civilization to micro-computer literacy. According to Mrs. Colley, a student must have at least an 85 average to qualify for either program.

## Summer brings changes

Several improvements were made over the summer. New showers were installed in the men's varsity and visitors' locker-rooms in the gym. Fresh paint was added to the classrooms in the Alice Boyd Building, the biology/chemistry room, the lab, the bandroom and the lunchroom.

Maintenance technician Danny Akers also re-stained the paneling in the downstairs hallways. MHSers who helped with these projects are Darrell Beasley, LaTresa Cardwell, Rhonda Thomas and Tim Tidwell.

Future projects include a fire escape in the gym and the installment of a new washer and dryer in the lunchroom.

## Computer to print grades

When report cards are issued, students all over the county will be taking home a computer printout. The Shelby County Board of Education will provide the service, with schools paying half of the \$3.60 fee.

Discussing the new process, English teacher Barbara Belisle says, "It's fine with me if it makes life easier."

First report cards are due Oct. 4.

If the idea works out as planned, the school may be able to try computer registration next.

## School opens doors to public

Parents attended Montevallo High School's annual Open House Sept. 16. They assembled in the auditorium and then followed their child's regular class schedule to meet teachers and observe classrooms.

Speakers for the event were PTO president Gail Robbins, MHS Principal Norman Payne and MHS Student Council president Kevin Colley.

Montevallo Middle School held its Open House last night, while MES will have its on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

## Troubadours raise money

Bluegrass music, hot air balloon rides, a dunking machine and the Montevallo Fire Department Water Olympics were all part of the Labor Day festivities at the second annual MHS Troubadours' Horse Show as a fundraising event.

Forty classes of horses were entered for judging in the show at Orr Park.

The MHS marching band opened the ceremonies with the Star Spangled Banner and later presented their halftime show.

Approximately \$3,000 was raised for the band through various events and the sale of barbecue plates, according to band director Jim Weese.

Dr. Sidney Vance is president of Band Boosters.

## UM to send two

Two student teachers will arrive at MHS Oct. 3. Both are University of Montevallo students.

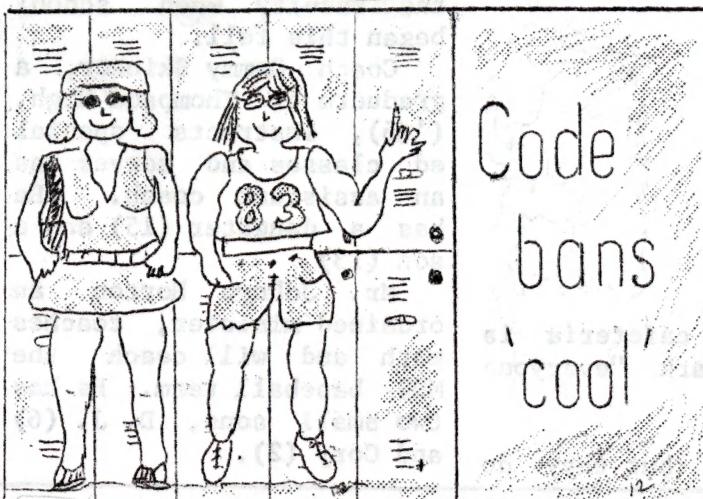
Mr. Larry Haynes will work under the direction of teacher Barbara Belisle, and Miss Carol King will complete her student teaching with Mrs. Cathy Bearden.

They will be at MHS for 10 weeks.

## Staff wears -- (Cont.)

must report to the principal's office. Authorized visitors will be issued a visitor's badge. Persons without the identification will be considered trespassers.

# EDITORIALS



## Schools get new policies

On July 24, Shelby County Board of Education members adopted a Student Code of Conduct and Attendance which provides schools with uniform disciplinary actions. The new code, printed in handbook form, is readily available to students, parents, teachers and administration.

All students were required to carry the booklets home for their parents to read and sign.

The adoption of a new code has changed some of MHS's policies. These include the grouping of offenses into three categories: minor, intermediate and major offenses. Each type carries its own punishment.

The county-wide dress code also provides several additions, such as mini skirts must be worn with tights, no alcohol advertisements on shirts and/or pants.

The suspension policy now withholds credit for daily work, and tests for the suspended person only count 60%. (Six weeks and final exams are not subject to this rule.)

Other changes state that physicians' notes must be submitted within five days after returning to school for an absence to be authorized, and students are unexcused if a parent or guardian fails to send a note of explanation to the school the day his child returns to class after an absence.

Although the adoption of this code has meant some changes for Montevallo and other schools in Shelby County, the Shelby County Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools are commended for attempting to insure fair and consistent discipline for all the elementary, middle and high school students.

## Educator leaves mark

As children, MHSers saw her daily as she supervised their arrival and departure at Montevallo Elementary School. Some have her presence as part of all their memories of MES days, others remember her retirement as they completed their early years of school. Mrs. Doris Jeter is a name none will forget.

Her death recently made MHSers and other former students recall their days as pupils.

She taught more than 25 years before becoming MES principal. Numerous MHSers have parents and other relatives who were also her students.

They share something in common: Each knew an educator who was truly devoted to the field. She is remembered as a dedicated teacher and administrator.

## Staff sells

Students can now purchase SPOTLIGHT subscriptions. The costs of the subscriptions are \$1.75 a semester or \$3 a year. Mailouts are \$6 a year.

Students interested in subscribing can see any member of the SPOTLIGHT staff.

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# Danish student attends MHS

"I chose the United States because I want to learn about the American culture," comments Annette Adanson, a transfer student from Ebeltoft, Denmark. Annette is a senior at Montevallo High School.

Annette says that although her home town and Montevallo are about the same size, the school systems are very different. She says Montevallo is "more strict" and MHS students wear more blue jeans than Danish teens. Having a school cafeteria is a new experience also, because in Denmark "everyone carries his lunch."

### No school band

Annette's school has no school band, but they do have a public band. There is no football team.

The Danish students do not change classes. Instead, teachers rotate from group to group. "We have ten minutes free between teachers," she explains.

### Riding is hobby

At home Annette has a horse. Riding is one of her hobbies.

The exchange student, who is staying with Michael Martin's family, had another new experience recently; she tasted her first cornbread!

Annette and four other Danish students arrived in August.



## Staff adds 2

Two new teachers joined the faculty when school began this fall.

Coach Sammy Skinner, a graduate of Thompson High, ('66), instructs special ed classes and serves as an assistant coach. He has a daughter (15) and a son (13).

Mr. Johnye Horton an ordained minister, teaches math and will coach the MHS baseball team. He has two small sons, D. J. (6) and Cory (2).

## Classes choose SC members

Homeroom representatives have been elected for the 1984-85 school year. Their duties include keeping their classmates informed about Council meetings and activities and reporting students' suggestions to the Council.

New Council members are: Freshmen Wesley Anderson, Britt Blake, Latrece Gaddis, Christi Hale, Glenda Lawley, Hazan Monk, Daniel Potter, Cindy Robbins, Barry Studdard and Paul Wilson.

Representing sophomores are Cathy Anderson, Slade Blackwell, David Grimes, Michelle Hall, Maia McClain, Margaret Perkins, Shelia Readal and Melody Thompson.

Junior representatives are Barry Allen, La Tresa Cardwell, Karla Hawks, George Jackson, Sonia Peoples, and Ray Rutledge. Angie Allen, Lisa Devinner, Michelle Kelly, Mike Martin, Shelia Tripp and Jim Turner represent the senior class.

## Freshman journeys to Kenya for vacation

by Angie Allen

Lions, tigers and giraffes are but some of the animals observed by freshman Andy Ballard during his trip to Africa this summer. With his grandmother, Andy flew to Kenya where they joined a group and traveled by bus through the country's various cities and villages.

Andy noted that while the city of Nairobi looked modern in one section, right around the corner there would be an open market. He also said that most of the villages were primitive, with natives living in mud houses with no electricity. Since most Africans spoke Swahili, Andy and his group used a guide to help them communicate.

As they rode through the country, they had a chance to see the animals in their natural habitat. Some animals were shy, but the monkeys climbed right on top of the bus Andy said. Other animals traveled in large groups. "I couldn't believe how many lions there were," exclaims Andy.



## Students win fall ribbons

Five FFA members earned ribbons at the Shelby County Fair Livestock Show Monday.

Winners are:

Sophomore Tracy Goggins, Grand Champion Market Lamb; First, Class II Market Lambs; First, Senior Showmanship.

Junior Carla Dailey, Second, Class I Market Lambs; Second, Senior Showmanship.

Sophomore Wayne Cofer, First, Class II Steers.

Senior Bob Peete, Second, Class I Steers.

Senior Michael Martin, Third, Class III Steers;

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## 3 add a day

Saturday school is a reality for three MHSers.

Juniors Stephanie Mann and Lori Rovelstad and senior Jim Turner are enrolled in a special class at the University of Montevallo.

The tuition-free class for advanced math students is taught by Dr. Gene Garza. The course meets every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12.

## Concert dates set

(Civic Center, Birmingham)

Sept. 21--Rick Springfield and Cory Hart

Oct. 11--Rod Stewart

20--Billy Squire and Ratt

26--Rush

Jefferson Starship will be at Boutwell, Oct. 6.

## Leaders attend conference

Seniors Kevin Colley and Scarlett Harrison, MHS Danforth Award Winners, enjoyed the beaches of Camp Miniwanca in Shelby, Michigan, this summer. The camp stressed living the "four-fold" way of life which includes physical, mental, religious and social areas.

Scarlett noted that the group discussions were a major portion of the program. Kevin observes, "The National Leadership Conference does not establish a secure feeling about oneself. Its founders wanted to make you feel empty about your accomplishments, so that you would strive harder. It does, however, develop assertive and silent skills in leading others."

A variety of activities made up their day. Included were yoga, calisthenics, aerobics, swimming, fencing, piloting, crafts and wilderness survival.

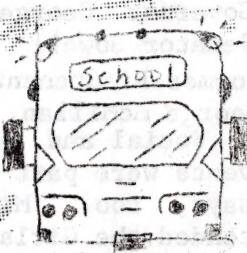
Both Kevin and Scarlett encourage future winners to attend the tuition-free two-week camp. The 1983 Danforth winners, Taylor Blackwell and Susan Hardin, also went to Miniwanca this summer.

## Drivers review bus skills

Bus drivers attended school in Columbiana July 27 to be certified. They are seniors Preston Bell, Andy Brindley and Johnny Holsombeck, teacher Johnnie McClain; bus driver Brenda Creel; and graduate Kelvin Thompson ('84).

According to Andy, they viewed various slides and had to determine the proper action to take in each of the situations.

In addition, MHS has received two new buses this year. These buses have a new look with a Chevrolet chassis, a Thomas body and doors that open outward. Vocational drivers Sarah Morris and Brenda Creel drive the new vehicles.



## Underclassmen state opinions

Looking for classes, meeting new friends and enjoying new liberties are all a part of a freshman's first day of high school. Many students expressed these and other feelings about their first experience at MHS.

Genie Lightfoot comments, "I like being able to make more decisions for myself," while Lance Byrd enjoys the "extra freedom."

Tracy Duren and Krista Loggins were both in a state of confusion while Lisa McGee was excited about meeting new people and Cindy Robbins stated, "I like the break so that I can visit with my friends."



# Representatives visit capital

Senior Michele Kelly and classmate Andy Brindley attended Girls/Boys State during summer vacation. Michele traveled to Montgomery for the conference at Huntingdon College, while Andy attended the University of North Alabama in Florence.

Their dorms were divided into cities. Michele's city was called Liberty Heights in Philbrick County. Cities at Boys State were given numbers. Andy lived in City 8.

Both groups held elections for various government positions.

Andy was voted representative in the Legislature, and Michele a House page. They visited the Capital on the final day of their sessions where they assumed the role of the appointed positions.

Speakers who addressed the young politicians were Governor George Wallace, Senator Howell Heflin and former Lieutenant Governor George McMillan.

Social and athletic events were part of "State" days, too. Michele attended the Girls State Inaugural Ball, and Andy was a member of the team which won first place in the Boys State volleyball tournament.

The two representatives were named for the honor by faculty vote.

## School receives new textbooks

New science books have been issued this year at Montevallo High School. These books are Chemistry: A Modern Course, Modern Biology, Physics: Principles and Problems, and Anatomy and Physiology.

This last text is used in a new science course being offered for the first time. To sign up for the course, one must have a credit in biology. Teacher Carol Czerw notes that this should prove to be a "tough, challenging course."

Assistant Principal Johnnie McClain says it will cost students from \$13.68 - \$21.18 to replace any of the new texts that are lost or damaged during the year.

## FFA wins ... (Cont.)

Third, Senior Beef Showmanship.

Ag teacher Tony Berry's son Wade placed first in Class I Market Lambs while Renee Byrd, sister of freshman Lance, had the Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb in the show.

## Jen, Trey travel to L.A.

"Go, America!" "All the way, USA!" These are but two of the shouts heard by seniors Jennifer Wilder and Trey Hughes as they cheered America on at the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The Hughes and Wilder families visited numerous spots together on a joint vacation.

Their 16-day adventure began with a tour of Chicago followed by a train ride to San Francisco where they saw Alcatraz and Murr Woods and ran across the Golden Gate Bridge. They also rode the cable cars.

Then it was off to Los Angeles where they attended the Olympic events including weightlifting, swimming, volleyball, boxing, diving and track and field. "It was fantastic," Trey exclaims.

In addition, they also ventured to Tiajuana, Mexico. "We got a chance to barter with the people in the market place," says Jennifer.

One last stop was made before they returned home and that was to see the sights at the World's Fair in New Orleans. Juniors Victoria Nelson and Wanda Sloan and freshman Sandra Sloan also enjoyed the attractions from other countries at the Fair.



## Teachers study

Instructors Johnnie McClain and Carol Czerw completed higher degrees this summer. Teachers Cathy Bearden, Johnye Horton, Delilah Robinson and Sammy Skinner also attended classes as students.

Coach Bobby Pierson and director Jim Weese participated in special clinics.

## Martin visits Washington, DC

Senior Michael Martin was one of 37 young adults who went to Washington, D.C., this summer, Aug. 14-18, to compete for national honors in a computer and agriculture contest sponsored by Future Farmers of America.

Earlier he placed first in state competition by developing a program that would help those in agriculture maintain records.

While in Washington, Michael attended seminars, met with software computer companies and gained experience with different types of computers.

The group was also taken on a tour of the capitol, the Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institute, Mt. Vernon and the National FFA Center in Alexandria, Va.

### It's News Downtown

## Supermarket opens in town

Lucky's, located in Montevallo, is a new 15,000 sq. ft. supermarket. Managers and owners are Don and Gary Stonicher.

The store is located in Whaley Shopping Center by Western Auto.

Montevallo's Piggly Wiggly has added 5,000 sq. ft. to the store. They now have a bigger and better variety of foods says manager William Millian.

They have also rearranged the aisles and added a new check stand.

## MSFD represents state

Montevallo's secondary fire department traveled to Columbus, Ohio, this summer to attend the National Explorers Conference. The program, sponsored by the Boy Scouts, gave insight into many different careers.

While on the campus of Ohio State University, the group attended seminars, took part in various competitions and observed a simulated disaster.

The department received many awards this summer. They were appointed state representative to the Clinic by Governor George C. Wallace, given a proclamation by Montevallo mayor, Ralph Sears, and received a resolution from the Chamber of Commerce on their selection.

Money for the trip was raised from car washes and donations. Transportation was provided by the University of Montevallo. MHSers in the group include seniors Lonnie Layton, Michael Martin, Timmy Nash, Bert Peete, Bob Peete; juniors Barry Allen and Stann Mahan; and sophomores Tommy Layton and Eric Rochester.

## Coach introduces players

Athletic Booster members hosted a reception for the football players Aug. 28. Coach Richard Gilliam introduced both varsity and junior teams to parents, friends and supporters. Varsity cheerleaders were also introduced and refreshments were served.

"It gave us a chance to meet people who really support the team," says senior Johnny Holsombeck, whose mother is president of the Boosters.

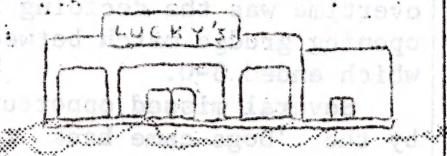
## Field acquires fresh appearance

Fisher Stadium received a new look for the 1984 season this summer.

Sophomore Slade Blackwell and senior Amp Prentice helped Mr. David Pritchett from the University of Montevallo sod the field, poison grass around fences and paint bleachers.

A group of students under the direction of teacher Annie Ruth McClain helped by trimming hedges.

Graduate Buddy Holsombeck ('79) painted the advertisement signs that are placed on the outer fence of the field.



Sears in Montevallo has moved into a new building on Vine Street to provide better parking. Owner Hal Sawyer says, "It is always fun moving to a different store," adding that the store has kept its former procedures of mostly catalog sales.

Main Street has a new professional building near completion. It is owned by Shelby County District attorney Billy Hill and Mr. David Nichols.

Offices are available for rent.

# Bulldogs bite Panthers

by Andy Brindley

Running behind an offensive line that opened holes that resembled I-65, Anthony Prentice rambled for 148 yards on 22 carries and a third quarter touchdown in route to a 12-6 Bulldog victory over Pelham's Panthers at Fisher Stadium last Friday night.

A 26-yd. Rick Gaddis to Freeman Rutledge pass accounted for the first points for the 'Dogs as they connected early in the second quarter for six. Pelham got on the board later that quarter when Tony Johnson punched it over from the 1-yd. line to knot the score at six at halftime.

A determined Bulldog defense held the Panthers to only one first down during the second half. This came as the result of a major penalty against Montevallo.

This game was the first meeting of the two county teams on the football field.

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## Volleyball season begins

Girls volleyball team members opened a 10-game season Tuesday night as they easily downed Briarwood.

The teammates began practice Aug. 20 under the direction of Coach Dot Bishop.

Several players are returning from the team that placed second in the Area tournament last year.

Coach Bishop says, "We should have a good team."

The schedule for this month is:

Sept. 18	Pelham and
	Chelsea*
25	Childersburg
	and Jemison
27	Vincent and
	Childersburg*

\*home games

## Orange defeats teammates

Tuesday night, Aug. 21, the 1984 Bulldogs squared off in an Orange vs White scrimmage game at Theron Fisher Stadium. Although much of the game proved to be a defensive battle, the Orange team did manage to put the sole points on the scoreboard when tailback Anthony Prentice swept left eight yards for the six points.

Later that week the Bulldogs and cheerleaders traveled to the home of teammate Andy Brindley for a cookout. After feasting on hamburgers and hotdogs, the team swam and played ping-pong.

## Junior 'Dogs face changes

Junior high football players are members of two teams this year. The junior varsity squad consists of freshman players and 7th and 8th graders who signed up to play.

In B-team games, varsity players (non-starters, some seniors) will join the JVs to round out the roster. Here's their schedule:

Sept. 18	Calera T
24	Shelby Co. T
Oct. 2	Briarwood H
9	Thompson T
23	Calera (TBA)

The B-team opened its season Monday with a 14-0 loss to Pelham. They go to Shelby on Sept. 24 and to Vincent Oct. 1.

## Eagles slip by Bulldogs 3 - 0

An 18-yd. field goal by Calera's Steve Ellison in overtime was the deciding factor in the annual season-opening grudge match between Montevallo and the Eagles which ended 3-0.

Several missed opportunities during the first half by the 'Dogs came back to haunt them as they drove inside Calera's 20-yd. line on three occasions but failed to capitalize on the drives.

In the second period, neither team could generate much offense as costly errors and penalties took their toll, and at the end of regulation time the score was knotted at 0-0, to force an overtime.

In overtime, when Calera won the option, the Eagles chose to defend first.

Montevallo took control on the 10-yd. line when the period began, but after two consecutive 15-yd. penalties and three incomplete passes, it was the Eagles' time to try.

When Calera went on offense, Ellison kicked the game-winning field goal on third down.

To Coach

## Slate looks challenging

According to Coach Richard Gilliam, the 1984 Bulldogs face one of the toughest schedules ever.

Playing four 5A teams, two 4A teams, one 2A team and three area (3A) games, the road to a successful season could prove difficult he says.

Coach Gilliam adds, "This is as challenging a schedule as I've ever faced, and the quality of competition should be tougher."

Here is the remainder of the 'Dogs' schedule:

Sept. 14	Shelby Co. 4A	H
21	Thompson 5A	H
28	Bibb Co. 5A	H
Oct. 5	Jemison 4A	T
12	Childersburg 5A	H
19	Briarwood 3A	T
26	Oak Grove* 3A	T
Nov. 2	W. Blocton* 3A	H

\* Area game

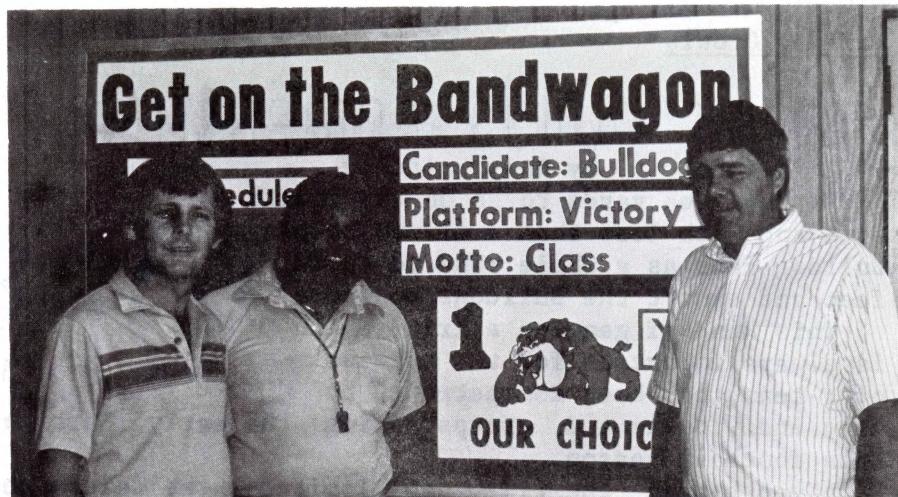
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### A LOT OF COACHING

New coaches Johnye Horton (left) and Sammy Skinner (rt.) and Coach Bobby Pierson will train athletes this year at MHS with head coach Richard Gilliam (not pictured).

## Coaching duties rearranged

by Trey Hughes

This year Montevallo High School's athletic department has an old face in a new coaching position and some new faces filling vacant coaching spots.

One major change is head coaching of the varsity basketball team. Coach Bobby Pierson, assistant football coach and former junior high and B-team basketball coach, will take over this spot vacated when Coach Kurt Pnazeck left MHS for a coaching job at Dora High School.

### Coaches winning teams

Coach Pierson can boast that in his five years as a coach he has "never had a losing ball club." In the 1982-83 junior high basketball season he led the cagers to a championship season, while last year his B-team won second place in the county. Coach comments, "The varsity will be young and the schedule a real challenge, but I'm looking forward to it."

Taking over the spot of head baseball coach is new math teacher Johnye Horton, who served as assistant football coach and head basketball coach at Chelsea High from 1975-77. In his senior year at the University of Montevallo, Coach Horton was assistant trainer for the Falcons.

### Concentrates on baseball

By only coaching the one sport, Coach Horton says, "This will give me more time to spend with the baseball program." Coach Horton is also a minister at the Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Coach Sammy Skinner will be head coach for the junior high football team. A UM grad, Coach Skinner is currently attending University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Coach Skinner assisted at MHS in 1978 while Coach Richard Gilliam was unable to walk due to an injury.

Bulldog Growls

## Spirit builds momentum

by Andy Brindley

With three yards to go on the fourth down and with less than a minute to play, Bulldog fans as a whole rise to their feet and exhort the Bulldogs to score.

This kind of genuine spirit, which is always important for the success of a team, has been demonstrated by many individuals and groups during the early part of this football season.

Even though the time was limited, the Calera pep rally was one of the best ever: cheerleaders, always excellent, did not disappoint; the band kept everyone entertained and the student body as a whole cheered throughout the rally.

In addition to the pep rally, the cheerleaders receive praise for the little things they do like bringing popsicles for the team at practice, giving the players candy and selling spirit ribbons.

The Athletic Booster Club's works are numerous and indispensable to the success of the team.

How great it would be if this kind of spirit is sustained throughout the season.



## Squad receives honors

Seven ribbons and a spirit stick were the trophies of the varsity cheerleaders after the UCA camp at the University of Montevallo this summer.

The girls learned better cheering techniques, new ideas on pep rallies and new ways of raising money at the June 12-15 clinic.

The group, sponsored by teacher Mary Harvard, is now selling M&M's and spirit ribbons. For the Thompson game, they plan to sell blue and orange shakers. They are also working on two other sales to buy a new marker set.

On Aug. 11 the cheerleaders helped with the Jog-Walk-a-thon for cancer at Fisher Stadium in Montevallo.



## Twirlers go to summer camp

Batons twirled as majorettes attended the Linda Daniels and Superior Half-Times majorette clinic at the University of Montevallo recently.

The majorettes captured four spirit ribbons and won the overall group competition. Senior Paula Kimbrell also won individual honors for a solo presentation.

The clinic was held July 11-14. MHS majorettes are Beth Allen, Amy Bice, Anita Bice, Michelle Creel, Michele Kelly, Paula Kimbrell, Lisa Lawley and Paula Phillips. Librarian Heidi Ross is faculty adviser.

## Band marches; Grimes directs

Troubadours have a new halftime opening show. In the past the band began with Alabama Fanfare, but this year, director Jim Weese changed the opener for the show to Fiddler on the Roof.

The show consists of Fiddler on the Roof, Drum feature, My Cherie Amor, Fight Song and exit to Fiddler on the Roof.

The band practices from 3 till 5 p.m. daily to prepare for each halftime show on Friday nights.

Drum major this year is junior Jonathan Grimes. He attended a workshop at the University of Alabama June 28-July 1.

## Flag corps get new uniforms, flags

Local seamstress Pat Clark has given the Flag Corps a new look.

Blue skirts with orange pleats and white silk shirts with orange cummerbunds is the attire they wear onto the field this year.

White boots complete the outfit. Later a vest will be added to the uniforms.

Mrs. Clark also made the rainbow flags which the girls twirl.

During the summer, Mr. Joe Terry, assistant band director at Vestavia High School, held a clinic for the corps, teaching them basic skills of twirling.

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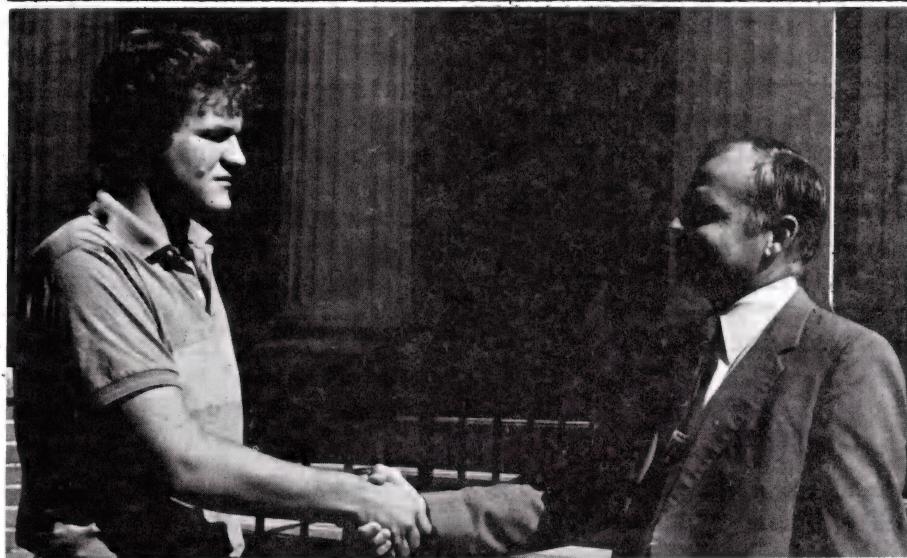
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TOP SCHOLAR

Principal Norman Payne congratulates National Merit semi-finalist Bert Lott on his accomplishment.

## Merit program names Bert

Senior Bert Lott has achieved national semi-finalist status in the 30th Annual Merit Program sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Competition began last fall when over one million juniors took the Preliminary Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Bert is one of the 15,000 high school seniors representing 18,000 secondary schools from all 50 states across America who reached this goal. Top scorers in each state were chosen. Of these, 13,500 are expected to make the finals, and only 40 percent of the finalists will earn Merit scholarships.

Qualifications for the finals are: The students must have obtained high academic performances throughout high school and must provide information about themselves.

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## Reports bring 64 smiles

On report card day, Oct. 5, four people carried home all A's. They were freshmen Britt Blake, Glenda Lawley and Tracey McElroy; and senior Bert Lott.

A-B Honor Roll consists of 8 freshmen, 19 sophomores, 16 juniors and 17 seniors.

These progress reports were the first time computer printouts were used to distribute grades at MHS.

## Office adds new worker

Mrs. Carolyn McCollough is the newest member of the MHS staff. The new secretary, who began work Oct. 1, is the mother of sophomore Alison and 7th grader Laura.

Mrs. McCollough states she enjoys young people and working in a place where she can associate with the teenagers.

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MRS. CAROLYN MCCOLLOUGH

## Holiday set

Students in Shelby County high schools will have a holiday next week. Teachers will go to Shelby County High School for the professional development activities Oct. 19.

The morning session will be for all teachers, elementary and secondary; the afternoon sessions will be divided for specialized group meetings.

# Speaking skills displayed

On Oct. 1 and 2 vocational ag teacher Tony Berry listened to speeches given by Ag I students. The public speaking skill is part of a three-unit FFA program. Students must first choose an agriculture related topic, then write an outline and finally present a speech for a grade.

According to Mr. Berry the MHS chapter of FFA will hold a contest to determine the best speaker. The winner will compete on the county level. County winners have the opportunity to move on to district, state and national levels of competition.

Mr. Berry adds, "The primary aim of FFA is the development of leadership, cooperation and citizenship. By developing public speaking skills, students will, hopefully, be able to take leadership roles as adults in church, community and civic organizations."

## Colley adds reflectors

While driving through Montevallo at night, students note bright blue reflectors at various spots on the road. These reflectors were added by senior Kevin Colley for his Eagle Scout project.

The reflectors mark fire hydrants to aid drivers of fire trucks in locating plugs during nighttime emergencies, mutual aid calls, and to help find plugs covered with foliage.

### It's News Downtown

## Town gets new librarian

Parnell Memorial Library has a new librarian, Mrs. Sue Lambert Edge.

She is taking the place of Mrs. Mayme Yarborough who served as librarian for eight years.

Mrs. Edge has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Montevallo and is currently working on a Master's Degree in library science.

Occupants now renting offices at the new professional building in Montevallo are dentist Dr. Joan Reick and attorneys David Nichols (owner) and Steven



Spears, Dr. Micheal Anderson (optometrist), and a steel and gravel company, Magstone, Inc.

Five more offices are available. Interested businesses can call 669-4161 or 665-2825.

Upcoming concerts in Birmingham are:

Oct. 14--Street Beat at the Civic Center

Oct. 16--Psychadelic Furs at Sloss Furnace

Oct. 20--Billy Squire and Ratt at the Civic Center

Oct. 31--Cyndi Lauper at Boutwell Auditorium.

## Gym adds exit

Construction of new exit doors began last week on the left side of the gym. For 10 years this has been recognized as a fire hazard according to Principal Norman Payne.

It is composed of double doors, each having its own stairway. They will also be used as exit doors for basketball fans, but it will not be possible to enter the building through them.

Hughes Building Company is in charge of the work.

Funds for the project were supplied by Shelby County Board of Education.

## Merit program (Cont.)

Including school and community activities, goals, achievements and interests.

Principal Norman Payne comments, "Bert is an outstanding student of whom MHS is extremely proud."

The last MHS student to achieve this goal was Taylor Lawrence in 1981.

Taylor is currently attending the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Cal.

Finalists for the 1985 class of Merit Scholars will be announced early next spring.

## Office worker (Cont.)

A graduate of the University of Alabama, Mrs. McCollough has a Business Statistics Degree. She taught school for four years in Frisco City, Ala., New Orleans and Miami, and then lived in Auburn for five years and sold real estate.

She moved to Montevallo with her family last year.

# Band receives comments

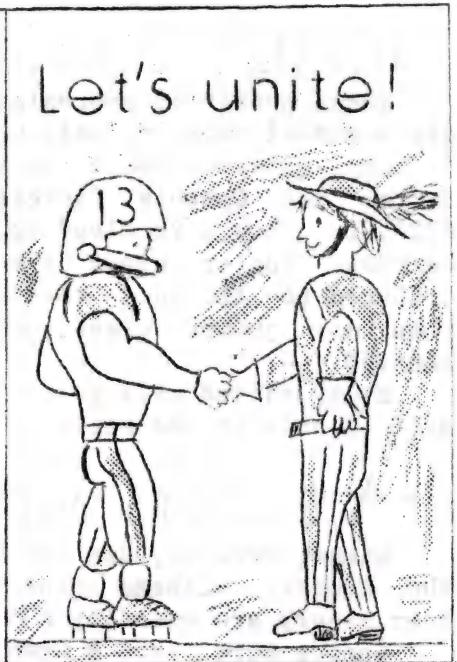
At the past football games, the spirit of the Troubadours has drawn numerous complaints from cheerleaders and members of the football team.

The cheerleaders say that when they have started a cheer, the band will start another cheer, interrupting the present one. Another complaint offered by the cheerleaders is that the band cheers for themselves and not for the football team.

Complaints from members of the football team range from the musicians cheering for themselves after the team has lost a game and the playing of songs while the Bulldogs have the ball, making it difficult to hear the calling of the plays and snap counts.

The Troubadours are a great asset to the school and the city of Montevallo. If these little things can be cleared up, it will make Montevallo High, as a whole, a group of which everybody can be proud.

. . . Trey Hughes



## EDITORIALS

### Audra helps cheerleaders

PLUNGE THE PANTHERS; NOT THIS TIME, KIMOSABI; EGG THE EAGLES and many other goal post decorations have brought excitement to the football games this year.

All the "bust throughs" and most of the signs featured on Friday nights have been products of junior Audra Clark.

Designing and painting pep signs requires a great deal of time and effort. Audra's talent adds color to the football games and promotes school spirit.

The varsity cheerleaders and their sponsors Mary Harvard and Sally Kornegay as well as the student body and the teams thank Audra for her time and talent. She is greatly appreciated.

### Student deserves praise

Dear Editor:

In the nine years I have taught at MHS several students have lost money and various articles which were never "found." Instead of the typical experience of listening to a student moan over missing belongings or funds, I have had a "first" happen to me this year.

Sophomore Daphne Conwell brought an envelope she found in a desk in my room to me. "I know someone needs this; it has money in it," she said. That ten dollars could have easily been hers but her honesty prevailed.

Despite those who may think she should have quietly "pocketed" the cash, I congratulate her for doing what she knew was right.

...Cathy Bearden  
English 10 Instructor

### SPOTLIGHT

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## Magazine results totaled

Total profit is approximately \$1,200 for the junior class annual magazine sale which ended Oct. 1.

Top salesmen were Laura Fancher with \$248.38 in orders and Cynthia Pickett with a sales total of \$225.81. Laura received \$50 and Cynthia, \$25, as their awards. Junior class sponsor Johnye Horton also contributed to the fund raiser by selling more magazines than any junior class member. His efforts totaled \$264.52.

Money raised will go to the junior-senior prom that will be held in the spring.

## FFA steers win ribbons

Gizmo, Gremlin, Rex and Red brought home prizes from the Central Alabama State Fair in Selma Oct. 3. The four steers are owned by MHS agribusiness students.

Senior Bert Peete's Gremlin won first place in the lightweight class, while senior Mike Martin's Gizmo came in third and sophomore Wayne Cofer's Rex was fourth in middleweight division. Senior Timmy Nash's steer Red won fifth in the heavyweight class.

Their next competition will be the Montevallo FFA Invitational Steer Show, tentatively set for Nov. 17.

## Autumn creates reactions

Colorful leaves, cool weather and new fashions help make autumn a nice time of the year. Here are reasons that some students favor fall.

Senior Lonnie Layton likes chillier practice days and classmate Bert Peete likes Auburn football games.

Sophomore Cathy Anderson describes it as "snuggle weather" while freshman Wendy Chandler says, "It means Christmas isn't far away."

Sophomore Rina Burdett and freshman Cindy Robbins enjoy "the new fall colors and clothes."

## Lambs place at 2 contests

Sophomore Tracy Goggins finished 1st place in Class IV at the State Fair Lamb Show in Birmingham, Oct. 5. She, along with Carla Daily, freshman Lance Byrd's sister Renee Byrd, and vo-ag teacher Tony Berry's children Wade and Gretchen all participated in this fair. They also entered the Central Alabama State Fair, Oct. 4.

While in Birmingham, Carla won 3rd in Class II Lambs, Wade placed 6th in Junior Showmanship and 5th in Class III Lambs. Renee won 2nd in Class IV Lambs and 5th in Junior Showmanship.

The day before in Selma, Carla won 2nd place in Senior Showmanship and 6th in Heavyweight Lambs. Wade got 7th place in Lightweight Lambs and in Junior Showmanship, Gretchen won 6th in Junior Showmanship and Renee Byrd won 3rd in Middleweight Lambs.

## Bound books replace sheets

Filing lesson plans will be made easier for MHS teachers now. Last week they received printed, bound books to replace their single sheets.

Dewberry's Publishing Company in Birmingham furnished the books which have room for 41 weeks of plans as a gift for buying graduation invitations from the company.

The company will also provide other printing services for the school during the year.

## Test scheduled

Approximately 25 students will take the PSAT/NMSQT test Oct. 23.

These students are now reviewing a Student Bulletin containing a complete practice test with an answer key and scoring instructions.

After the test, they will receive a booklet, About Your PSAT/NMSQT Score, to help them interpret test results and plan for college.

## UM offers cards

Teacher Delilah Robinson's college preparatory English class will soon have an orientation of the UM library.

The seniors must take and pass a test on the library before they receive temporary library cards.

The card will enable the students to check out books for research papers which are due at the end of the second six weeks.



#### BAND SECURES TROPHIES

Director Jim Weese (center), seniors Belinda Tripp, Bert Peete, Timmy Nash, Michele Kelly and junior Jonathan Grimes proudly show off trophies won by The Marching Troubadours in Thompson's Marching Festival.

## Band rates at contest

EVERY TROUBADOUR ENTRY in the Marching Festival captured superior ratings, Oct. 6.

The MHS band also earned the class trophy and each division won the individual trophies at the contest which was held at Thompson High.

For its performance the band rated 95, 94.5 and 90.95. The majorettes and flag corps each ranked 85, the drum line obtained an 88 and the drum major, Jonathan Grimes, received a 96.

Earlier that day the group marched in the Fire Prevention Parade in Montevallo.

Director of the Troubadours is Mr. Jim Weese. Michele Kelly is head majorette, and Belinda Tripp is flag corps director, and Bert Peete is drum section leader. All these leaders are seniors. Plans are underway for a trip to the Miracle Strip Marching Band Festival in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

## New terminal aids classes

Computers are no longer a thing of the past for MHS. Last year Montevallo High moved into the computer age when two Apple microcomputers were purchased. Now, MHS has a new system which functions as a terminal for other computer data networks.

The terminal is a TRS-80 which uses phone lines to communicate with other computers and is located in the guidance office. The terminal is hooked into several networks. One is the State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee.

Through SOICC system, MHS will be able to answer many questions that students may have concerning their future plans. It can give information about a variety of occupations as well as colleges and financial aid. Students can learn instantly about salaries, job outlooks and tuition.

The Vocational Agriculture Department will also be hooking into the Agri-Data Network through this terminal. Teacher Tony Berry will have access to over 600 lesson plans related to agriculture. Ag students can get international news, market reports and FFA news at the speed of light. They may also order materials, send letters and communicate with other computers booked into the system.

## School gets SOICC computer

Honor Society members recently met with Mrs. Carol Gafford of the State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee to learn how to operate the TRS-80 terminal.

These students will assist in instructing the use of the terminal to other MHS students who are interested in using it.

They will also aid 10th grade English classes when those people study careers second semester.

NHS members who will be helping are Fran Agee, Scarlett Harrison, Bert Lott, Michael Martin, Sheila Tripp and Jim Turner.

Counselor Colleen Colley is their sponsor.

## Cagers get organized

Thirty boys signed up Tuesday to play men's basketball this year. Coach Bobby Pierson says that tryouts will be held to determine the roster.

The varsity basketball schedule consists of 16 regular season games, the county and area meets, the mini-state tournament and the state tournament.

Games to be played before Christmas are listed below:

Nov. 30	Shelby County	T
Dec. 4	Vincent	H
7	Briarwood	T
11	Oak Grove	T
14	Thompson	H
18	West Blocton	T
21	Calera	H

## Closing moments decide win

With 25 seconds to play, sophomore placekicker Slade Blackwell booted a 30-yd. field goal to push MHS's B team over the Vincent B's, 9-6, Oct. 1. Montevallo's only touchdown was a 17-yd. romp by fullback Jimmy Sails late in the first half.

Offensively, Sails was the leading rusher (60 yds. in 12 carries). Sophomore tailback Charles Devinner carried the ball 12 times, also, for 54 yards.

Defensively, sophomore tackle Tommy Layton piled up 8 solo tackles, 12 assists and 1 fumble recovery to lead the way. Juniors Norman Payne, Clint King and Sean Roberts were also standouts.

## Team defeats Briarwood

On Oct. 2, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Briarwood but fell in a tri-match in volleyball at Chelsea.

Scores for the Briarwood contest were: 15-14 (MHS); 16-14 (BHS); and 15-9 (MHS).

Against Chelsea Coach Dot Bishop played the younger players to give them some experience. The Hornets took the match with 15-4 (MHS); 15-10 (CHS) and 15-6 (CHS).

Jemison Panthers had complete control over the 'Dogs in the Oct. 4 duel played at MHS. The Panthers claimed 15-2 and 15-10 victories in the first match and 15-11 and 15-5 in the second. Outstanding players for MHS were Vanessa Bivens and Latrece Gaddis.

## Bulldogs defeat Jemison

## Defense tough on Panthers

Backed by a stiff goal line defense, better known as the "Orange Crush," the Bulldogs defeated Jemison 13-0 last Friday night to dampen homecoming spirits of the Panther fans.

The Panthers penetrated to the 'Dogs' 1-yd. line twice during the game, but both times they had to walk away empty handed with no points.

Montevallo's first touchdown came on their second possession of the third quarter when quarterback Rick Gaddis hit wingback Trey Hughes on a 52-yd. pass.

Following a Hughes interception early in the fourth quarter, the 'Dogs cracked the scoreboard for the last time when senior tailback Andy Chism drove in from two yards out. Gaddis' interception with four minutes to play iced the victory for the Bulldogs, now posting a 3-3 record for the season.

Offensively, senior fullback Anthony Prentice led the 'Dogs' rushing attack with 85 yards on 21 carries. Senior quarterback Gaddis completed two of four passes for 74 yards and one touchdown. Defensively Andy Chism, Quinten Chism and Prentice led the way.

## Squads get new apparel

Two groups have new attire for cooler weather. The varsity cheerleaders have added several items to their uniforms.

A new white sweater which features orange and blue trim around the collar and sleeves is being worn on chilly nights, and letter sweaters have also been added this year.

For basketball season, the squad will receive white sweatpants, white sweatshirts with aqua varsity logos on them, and aqua jackets.

The Bulldogs will sport bright orange sweatpants this year. The sweats are made by Russell Athletics and the player's game jersey football number is printed on them.

## Junior high delivers win

IT TOOK FOUR OVERTIME periods for them to do it, but Montevallo's junior varsity beat Briarwood's juniors 28-22 on Oct. 2.

Montevallo could only generate one touchdown during regulation play; This came from a 93-yd. pass interception run by freshman Albert Miller.

### Overtime starts

Late in the fourth period, Briarwood tied the game with a 14-yd. pass to force the overtime play.

Neither team scored in the first overtime; but each scored eight and six points in the 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In the final overtime, MHS fullback Buster Lawley romped 10 yards on first down for what proved to be the winning TD when Briarwood was unable to score on their possession.

### Lawley is OT scorer

Lawley, a freshman, was responsible for all MHS's points in the overtimes.

Coach Sammy Skinner had  
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KEEP GOING, AMP!

Fullback Anthony Prentice is caught on the way to the goal line as quarterback Rick Gaddis looks on.



### HONORS FOR THE COACH

Coach Richard Gilliam looks over the write-up proclaiming him The Birmingham News Coach-of-the-Week. Observing are two reasons why he was named to this honor, seniors Anthony Prentice (left) and Andy Chism.

## Choctaws fall to Bulldogs

POSTING THEIR SECOND WIN of the season was not an easy task for Coach Richard Gilliam's Bulldogs as they squared off against neighbor Bibb County High, Sept. 28. However, with stubborn defense stopping the Choctaws on MHS's 11-yd. and 3-yd. lines and an offense which ground out 194 yards, they prevailed 14-12.

### News honors coach

The victory over the 5A power won Birmingham News Coach-of-the Week honors for Coach Gilliam.

Montevallo went ahead early when tight end Andy Anderson gathered in quarterback Rick Gaddis' 8-yd. touchdown pass. The Choctaws' first points came with two seconds left in the first half as quarterback Sammy Bishop hit tailback Rufus Cash with a 42-yd. touchdown strike to even the score at 6-6.

### Dogs take over

The Bulldogs regained control of the game for keeps in the third quarter.

Fullback Anthony Prentice drove over from the 6-yd. line, and tailback Andy Chism ran the 2-point conversion which turned out to be the deciding factor.

Bibb mounted a drive in the fourth period and Cash took it in from one yard out, but when the try for the 2-point conversion failed the Bulldogs had the winning 14-12 lead.

"We got tired of beating ourselves and decided to whip the other team," was the way a pleased Coach Gilliam saw the Bulldogs play.

Bulldog Growls

## Tigers, Lions lurk ahead

Hosting 5A Childersburg tonight, Montevallo will try to continue gaining fame as a giant slayer. All of the 'Dogs' 1984 wins have been against larger schools.

The Tigers have perennially tough teams, with no exception this year as they have posted a 5-1 record. The last time MHS played Childersburg was in 1978 with the Tigers winning 13-8.

Next week the 'Dogs encounter a cat of a different type when they travel to Briarwood to meet the Lions who will be seeking to avenge last season's 26-6 loss at the hands of Montevallo.

## Balls are bouncing

Ladies basketball tryouts were Monday. Coach Dot Bishop, who heads the squad, says, "More students signed up this year than last year."

Names of team members were posted yesterday.

Their season will begin Nov. 20 at Jemison.

**Junior High** (Cont.)  
praise for the "outstanding blocking" by linemen Wes Anderson and Barry Studdard. Defensively, Terry Brasher and Lawley were the standouts.

Coach Skinner comments, "Even though I was out-coached, the entire team played well enough to come up with the tie so we could go into overtime and win it."

## Coaches receive praise

By Andy Brindley

Being named "Coach-of-the Week" was the honor bestowed on Coach Richard Gilliam by The Birmingham News after he led the Bulldogs to a 14-12 victory over Bibb County High. It was quite fitting that Coach Gilliam got the award last week for it was National Coaches Week. This is a special time to honor all coaches whose time and effort is given to aid young people in athletic competition.



MHS is blessed with many fine coaches. They are: Driver Education Teacher Bobby Pierson--assistant football and head basketball coach; Special Education Teacher Sammy Skinner--junior high football and basketball and boys' track coach; PE Teacher Dot Bishop--girls volleyball, basketball and track coach; Voc Ed Teacher Tony Berry--football trainer and golf coach; Principal Norman Payne--tentative cross country coach; Mathematics Teacher--Johnye Horton--baseball coach.

These people's works are invaluable to the school and are appreciated by everyone associated with MHS.

## Team gets canine friend

Freddie is a new fan who attracts much attention at Montevallo's football games. The English Bulldog's first view of the MHS Bulldogs was at the MHS-Thompson game. Senior Michael Martin borrowed him from Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walker of Brierfield for the special game. Freddie and Michael enjoyed the outing so much that Mr. and Mrs. Walker gave the dog to Michael.

Michael plans to carry the Bulldog to other games for "the dog enjoys the attention of being around the fans and in the excitement of the football game."

Coach Richard Gilliam gave "Freddie" an old football jersey which has been reduced in size making him really look like a Montevallo Bulldog.

## Boosters send out 'Rocket'

Band Boosters are producing a monthly newsletter to be sent to all members. In the first edition of the Booster Rocket there are articles on membership in the group, projects and the bands.

The group recently sponsored a contest to secure a name for the publication. Junior Paul Brown turned in the winning-entry--Booster Rocket. He received a prize of \$10 but donated it back to the band for the upcoming trip to Florida.

Dr. Dorothy Grimes, mother of drum major Jonathon and sophomore David, is the editor.



# SPOTLIGHT

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**MAKING PLANS**

SC president and DAR winner Kevin Colley puts last minute touches on plans for Homecoming.

## SC leader earns award

Senior Kevin Colley, Student Council president, has been named Montevallo High School's DAR Good Citizen for 1984. Seniors nominated three classmates for the award and the faculty selected the winner. Michele Kelly was runner up for the honor.

Qualifications of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism were involved in choosing the recipient of the award. The winner will be presented a pin and certificate on Awards Day next spring.

Kevin will write a 500-word essay on "Our American Heritage and My Responsibility to Preserve It." This will be turned in to the David Lindsay Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Shelby County's DAR sponsor.

This paper, along with Kevin's completed questionnaire and scholastic record, will be the basis for the

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## Trip awaits band

Tomorrow the Troubadours will journey to Choctawhatchee High School for the Miracle Strip Marching Band Festival in Florida. The band will be competing in Class AA. Other bands in the same class are Pace City, Fla., Robertsdale, Fla., Midfield, Ala., and Jess Lanier High School from Bessemer.

Band members and chaperones will begin their travel at 6 a.m. by Greyhound buses. They will stay in the Carousel Inn on Okaloosa Island in the Gulf of Mexico and will return from their trip Sunday around 7 p.m., according to band director Jim Weese.

Doughnut and candy sales helped fund the trip.



**FLORIDA BOUND!**

Head majorette Michele Kelly and Troubadour Stephanie Edwards try their hand at selling candy to Counselor Colleen Colley to help finance the band's Florida trip.

## SC plans activities for Homecoming

Student Council members are now planning activities for Nov. 2 Homecoming. The queen and court, elected yesterday, will be announced at the pep rally today.

A bonfire will be held Thursday night on the baseball field. The homecoming dance is set for after the game with West Blocton. A special pregame show, beginning at 7 o'clock, will feature the queen and court and football parents.

# Class officials elected

Senior class officers have been selected for the 1984-85 school year. Andy Brindley will serve as president and Michele Kelly as vice president. Other officers are Shelia Tripp, secretary; and Lisa Devinner, treasurer. These officers are responsible for planning activities this year as well as organizing reunions.

The elections which were held in an assembly last week were conducted by Principal Norman Payne and senior advisers Mary Harvard, Doug Morris and Ann Parker.

Junior class officers were elected in a special assembly also. They are: Ray Rutledge, president; George Jackson, vice president; Wanda Sloan, secretary; and Victoria Nelson, treasurer. They are responsible for organizing and planning the junior-senior prom which is held in the spring.

## Students to attend session

Juniors and seniors will visit the University of Montevallo from 8:30 till 9:30 on the morning of Nov. 5 for College Day. The event, to be held in Bibb Graves Hall, is a "browse session" where students can talk directly with college representatives and obtain information about schools, explains counselor Colleen Colley.

The morning's activities will also include an invited guest to speak on making college choices around 10 a.m. in the MHS auditorium.

Students will later have a chance to visit with armed forces representatives in 30-minute sessions.

## Ballet to be performed Dec. 9

PTO members are sponsoring the Nutcracker Ballet. It will consist of clowns, soldiers, and experienced dancers. The show has been presented for the last two years.

Omni-Dance Theater of Birmingham will be conducting all the judging for positions in the dance troop. The show will be Dec. 9 in Palmer Hall at the UM.

Auditions were held Saturday for Montevallo participants. Ticket prices are: adults, \$5; students, \$3.

## Conference planned for leaders

Three MHSers will attend a Leadership Honors Seminar at the University of Alabama tomorrow. The program will offer seniors Scarlett Harrison, Michael Martin and Jim Turner a chance to meet and visit with University alumni, faculty and student leaders for intensive one-on-one discussions about developing their leadership abilities.

The program is for high school students involved in leadership roles such as Student Council and class officers, newspaper and yearbook editors and band and honor organization leaders.

## Discussions view issues

Democracy classes held political debates last week. A panel consisting of five reporters asked questions of three democratic representatives.

The format was similar to that of the presidential debate--the question presented to both sides, a follow up and rebuttal.

Topics included abortion, federal drinking age, religion and budget.

Teacher Johnnie McClain comments, "Since this is election year, I thought it a good time to debate some campaign issues."

## Students will vote

On Nov. 1, MHSers will be able to vote for president. While voters are casting their ballots over the nation, students will participate in a mock election sponsored by the SPOTLIGHT staff.

Voting will be during homeroom. Results will be announced after lunch.

## Good luck, Troubadours

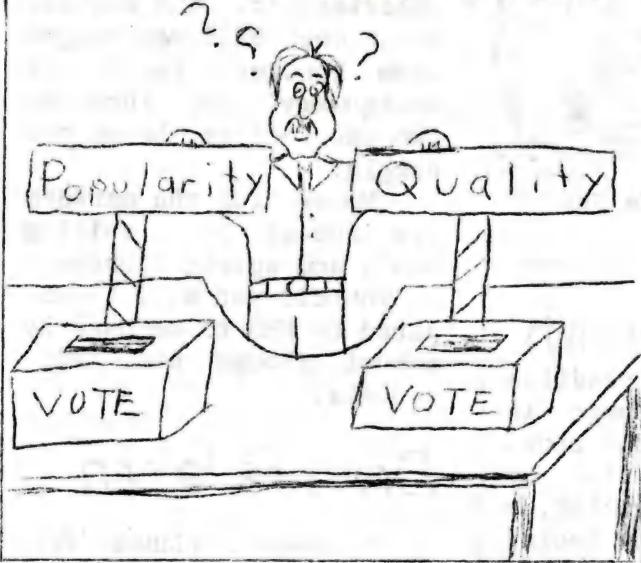
### Colley chosen-(Cont.)

contest. District winners will receive \$25 bonds, and winning essays will go to state and national competition.

Each state winner will be given a \$100 Educational Award. The National DAR Good Citizens Award is a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of the recipient's choice and an engraved commemorative bowl.

# EDITORIALS

## Which means most?



## Every vote counts

When an election day arrives, would you be one of those people who say, "My one vote doesn't matter?" When you are asked to vote at a club meeting or school election, do you vote for quality leadership or popularity?

We live in a society unlike other societies. We are privileged with the precious right of voicing our opinions in the form of voting. Too often, we as Americans take this right for granted.

Of the 25 MHS students eligible to vote in this upcoming presidential election only 8 are registered to vote.

Likewise, last year in MHS student elections many students refused to vote. Is this a sign that "majority rules"? Is

the person elected truly the one the majority wants in office?

We need to vote so that we will be guaranteed that the voice of all the people is heard.

Those seniors who can vote in the general election as well as others who participate in mock elections should ask, "Will he or can he do the job?" before deciding which candidate to favor.

More importantly, however, MHSers should realize the importance of exercising this important right.

Michael Martin, Senior

HOMECOMING, NOV. 2

## Student urges unity

Controversy has arisen at MHS due to a letter printed in the Oct. 12 issue of SPOTLIGHT. The editorial which was written by senior Trey Hughes pointed out complaints by the cheerleaders and football team concerning the Troubadours.

My opinion is that many of the students read the article and got the wrong idea. I don't think the article is putting the band down or showing that the team or cheerleaders don't appreciate the band, because we do appreciate our band. The idea of the article is simply: Let's unite instead of fight.

Being a former member of the Troubadours and presently a member of the football team, I see both sides' points of view. I know the band gets excited at the end of the game when Mr. Weese says, "You've done great," and presents the band with a "10" rating. The band should be proud of that accomplishment. (However, the football team didn't know this is what the band is cheering and therefore got upset.)

So, let's not quarrel; let's compromise and join the cheerleaders in leading the same cheer and be proud of each other--win, lose or draw.

If we do this, I believe our band, football team and cheerleaders will hit it off on the right note together as one.

John Bolling, Senior

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# Seniors write papers

Mrs. Delilah Robinson's college preparatory class members are researching information on topics they selected for a writing assignment. The subjects, which do not have to pertain to English, vary from murder to child abuse. The papers must be a minimum of five typed pages containing at least ten sources. They are due Nov. 30.

A thesis sentence has already been turned in and 20 bibliography cards on possible sources are due today.

Before they hand in the final copy, the seniors must turn in cards Nov. 7 and an outline Nov. 9. A rough draft of the paper is due Nov. 18.

University of Montevallo library cards which were received last week can be used to check out books for the research.

## Armed forces to give tests

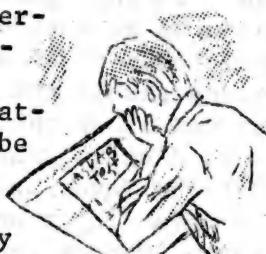
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be given to seniors

The Navy will administer the test, while other armed forces monitor it.

The ASVAB is a test of vocational aptitude which furnishes career and vocational information to the students.

"The exam is helpful to those students not planning to go into the military as well as those who are interested in military service," notes Counselor Colleen Colley.

Results of the testing will be back before the Christmas holidays.



## Paints arrive

New markers and paint have recently been purchased by the MHS varsity cheerleaders. The new set which cost \$275 was bought from Booster, Inc., of Montgomery and includes two new colors, brown and purple.

Money for the markers was raised by selling M&M's and spirit ribbons.

The old set will be donated to MHS to be used by school groups and individuals.

## Drivers learn

Fourteen students from MHS attended the State Department's New Drivers' Bus Clinic at Shelby County High School this week.

The drivers had to pass a written examination and a road test. They will serve the school as substitute drivers.

## Students receive annuals

"Now the Excitement Begins" was used as the featured theme of the '84 MONTALA, which arrived Oct. 22. The yearbooks are cream colored with orange and blue lines and feature a bulldog emblem on the cover.

Laurie Davidson served as editor, with Taylor Blackwell as assistant for the 1984 edition. Faculty adviser was librarian Heidi Ross.

## Counselor plans meetings

Seniors will have individual conferences with Counselor Colleen Colley in a few weeks to discuss their future plans. During these meetings, students have a chance to ask questions and work with Mrs. Colley in securing needed information about schools and possible employment. They will also make a final check on their credits and progress toward graduation.

These conferences will be scheduled during the senior English and democracy classes.

Mrs. Colley comments, "This is one of my favorite activities of the year."

# Halloween brings 'tricks'

by Angie Allen

Today Halloween is a time of festive costumes, colorful decorations and tricks and treats instead of the gloomy customs of the past. It was originally called "All Hallow's Eve" because it fell on Oct. 31, the eve of All Saints Day.



Halloween was a combination of Pagan and Christian worship. One of the beliefs of Pagan Ireland was that on this night the dead could return to earth as witches, goblins, ghosts and black cats. Because of this belief, these things have become popular as Halloween symbols.

On this night all the dark underworld characters had their wicked carnival of triumph, when they engaged in all sorts of malicious mischief, thus creating trick-or treating.

There is a superstition about Jack-o'-lanterns which originated in Jack, who could not enter heaven because he was a miser and could not enter hell because he had played jokes on the devil. As a result, Jack had to walk the earth with his lantern until Judgment Day.

## Halloween

by LaTressa Cardwell

Ghosts and ghouls and scary things;  
This is what Halloween brings.  
Trick-or-treating is what's in;  
How I wish I was a kid again!  
But since I'm not,  
Here's what I'll do,  
I'll get some tricks to pull on you.

## 3-mill tax would add funds

by Scarlett Harrison

As Shelby County citizens go to the polls to vote for the country's next president, they will also cast their vote in the proposed 3-mill property tax supplement. This extra millage is much needed to establish a county-wide building program to provide adequate classrooms for some of the county's schools.

There are around 91 teachers in the county who do not have regular classrooms and must hold their classes in trailers, storage rooms and hallways. This year the county enrollment increased by 778, and at least 500 more students are expected next year.

Approximately \$900,000 will be produced with the passage of this referendum. The additional cost will not affect homeowners much, as it will only add \$24 per year to taxes on an \$80,000 home.

## Bones are class project

by Paula Kimbrell

One walks into the science lab and discovers skulls and skeletons scattered throughout the room.

Don't worry; it's not human sacrifices; it's only the advanced biology class's science experience.

According to science teacher Carol Czerw, the students will clean skulls and treat them so they won't deteriorate.

The treated skulls will be available for study for many years.

The students will also re-construct a skeleton of a chicken. Chickens from Piggly Wiggly have already been de-boned and the students will have to design a perfect skeletal system with the bones.

The class's current unit on comparative studies of skeletal systems coincides with the experiments.

## Club plans plays for first semester production

Drama Club members can now begin preparations for this year's productions. Forty-five people have signed up for the organization says sponsor Barbara Belisle. Not all of these will find their place on stage, however. Many will be offstage working in the different committees such as makeup, costumes, publicity, set construction, set design, lighting and props.

Several plays may be performed before Christmas--one will be for the student body, another for competition and judging and another, the annual Christmas production.

MHS chalks up 20 points early

## Dogs shellac Lions, even record at 4-4

WITH 20 POINTS SHOWING ON THE SCOREBOARD after one quarter, it was evident that the Bulldog offense exploded last Friday night in the 41-7 thrashing of the Briarwood Lions. Anthony Prentice, game's leading rusher, opened up the offensive show when he romped in for a touchdown with 7:33 left in the first period.

Senior Antonio DeVould marched 31 yards on the 'Dogs' second possession for the second of six touchdowns. With 23 seconds left in the first period, senior quarterback Rick Gaddis hit senior Freeman Rutledge for a 31-yd. TD pass to make the count 20-0. While the Lions did manage one touchdown in the second period, fullback Quentin Chism bulled in from one yard out to up the score 26-7 at halftime.

After Gaddis ran in from three yards out to make the score 34-7 midway in the third quarter, Coach Richard Gilliam "called off the 'Dogs" and let B teamers finish the victory. Tailback Charles DeVinner ran the final TD for the 4-4 'Dogs.

Senior defensive back Trey Hughes led all defenders with 13 points.

### \*\*\*\*\* Girls compete

Girls regional volleyball matches will be held tomorrow. The champion of Area 6, determined yesterday, will be host for the Region Tournament.

As Area 5 winners, the Lady Bulldogs earned the right to play Area 6. The winner of the best three of five matches advances to the state playoffs.

### Tigers out-claw Bulldogs

OVERTIME PLAY HAS NOT BEEN KIND to the 'Dogs this season as they suffered their second loss in overtime to Childersburg 20-14, Oct. 12.

Montevallo opened the scoring when the 'Dogs drove their first possession 59 yards and fullback Anthony Prentice capped the drive with a 1-yd. plunge. Andy Chism's PAT put MHS up by seven.

Childersburg tied the score in the second quarter when an interception set the Tigers up on MHS's 41-yard line. Quarterback Eric Burns scored on a 1-yd. run. Junior Robinson booted the PAT. On their next possession the Tigers scored again when Burns hit tight end Terrell Chapman for 10 yards and Robinson's kick was true to give them a 14-7 half-time lead.

After a second half drive that was good for 68 yards, Prentice scored for the Bulldogs from the four. Slade Blackwell came on in place of an injured Andy Chism for the PAT kick.

With the score tied at 14 after regulation time, CHS won the toss and elected to be on defense.

An offsides penalty against the Tigers put the 'Dogs on the five, but on the next play they lost the ball on a fumble.

On second down, Donald Greenlea went three yards to score the winning TD.

### B-team drops Calera 14-8

FOR THE SECOND TIME this season the MHS B team came from behind to win, defeating Calera's B squad 14 to 8 in overtime, Oct. 15.

Shane Schroeder recovered a Bulldog fumble and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring in the first quarter. Quarterback Ray Ross ran in for the 2-point conversion.

Costly turnovers held the Bulldogs scoreless until the fourth period when junior fullback Sean Roberts capped off a 40-yd. drive with a 1-yd. plunge. Tailback sophomore Charles DeVinner ran the 2-point conversion to tie the score at 8-8 where it stood at the end of regulation play.

Steve Spears recovered a Calera fumble to set up quarterback Slade Blackwell's 2-1d. winning TD dive.

GAME STATS	
MHS	CHS
9 1st downs	3
42-155 Rush/Yds.	23-37
0-3-0 Passes	2-5-2
0 Yds. Pass.	20
155 Tot. off.	57

**A SPECIAL AWARD**

All-County volleyball players (l-r) Vanessa Bivins, Latrece Gaddis and Carol Paschel admire the trophy which each won.

## MHS ranks 3rd

Three MHSers were picked for the All-Tournament team following the recent county volleyball tournament held at Briarwood. Montevallo placed third while Thompson took the county title.

MHS's all-county players Vanessa Bivins, Latrece Gaddis and Carol Paschel received trophies for their performances in the Shelby County meet.

After defeating Chelsea, Briarwood and Vincent, the Lady Bulldogs were knocked off by Pelham in the semi-final round. Scores were 2-15, 15-7 and 6-15. In the final contest of the Round Robin tourney, Thompson claimed 15-3, 15-11 victories over MHS.

## Tigers wait

TONIGHT a key area game awaits the Bulldogs when they travel to Oak Grove. The 3A Tigers have a 3-5 record this season while facing many larger schools.

They were 2A state champions last year and lost only three starters from that club.

Next week Montevallo hosts more 3A Tigers, the West Blocton variation, for Homecoming.

### Bulldog Growls

## Keep that guard up 'Dogs

by Andy Brindley

IT FINALLY ENDED with the Childersburg game--"Murder's Row" that is. With the Thompson, Bibb County, Jemison and Childersburg contests, the Bulldogs faced a four-game stretch against these powerhouses, one 4A and three 5A squads.

These games were touted by some as four in which the 'Dogs stood little chance. We did not win all of them; but we did win two and but for a couple of mistakes, could have taken the other two.



All were close, and all featured the elements of great games--big offensive plays, goal line stands and knowledgeable coaching.

I congratulate my teammates and coaches on their great efforts, but I sincerely hope we are not content with these past games, for the next two will determine our playoff status.

I challenge each football player and the coaches to not let down in any way for the remainder of the regular season so that we can represent MHS in post-season play.

**A LOT OF MEMORIES HERE**

As MHS plans for Homecoming next week, Coach Richard Gilliam reminisces with former quarterbacks (l-r) David Melsoni, Thomas Brown and Kevin Hughes. (See p. 8)

# Special time at MHS recalls gridiron greats

by Trey Hughes

NEXT WEEK MARKS THE 1984 EDITION of Homecoming for Montevallo High School. Alumni will be traveling back with fond memories of high school. Spirit Week will be exciting, the announcement of the queen and her court will bring smiles and tears, and 14 seniors will compete in their last regular season grudge-match on the gridiron.

Indeed, Homecoming is a very special time for Montevallo High; and being a special time, it seems most fitting to venture back into past issues of SPOTLIGHT to remember great players who have worn the orange and blue under the field direction of Coach Richard Gilliam, MHS's present coach.

### Quarterbacks star

MHS has been blessed with its share of great quarterbacks through the years.

Terry McCarey quarterbacked the Bulldogs from 1975 to 1977, leading the team to state playoffs each of these seasons.

McCarey was named the 2A State Quarterback of the year by THE BIRMINGHAM POST HERALD as a senior.

Kevin Hughes led the 1978 'Dogs to a 7-3 regular season and to the second round of the State playoffs.

Hughes set school passing records with most TD passes in a season and having a touchdown pass in every game in '78.

In 1979 and 1980 David Melsoni was the leader.

In his senior year he achieved All-County honorable mention and was voted co-captain by his fellow teammates.

Taylor Blackwell led the 1983 team into the State playoffs for the first time since 1978. He received the Theron Fisher Award as the complete athlete and was selected tri-captain by the team his senior year.

### Runners shine

Running backs have had the strongest reputations of the great players on

### Bulldog teams.

Thomas Brown led the Bulldogs in rushing from 1973 to 1976 and still holds the career rushing record at MHS.

Edd Green was leading rusher in 1978. He was voted most improved back and tri-captain by his teammates his senior year.

J. J. Moore fullbacked his way into All-County status and being voted the "Ideal Athlete" by the MHS student body in 1982.

Helping the Bulldogs advance to the second round of the State playoffs, Jeff Chism amassed a total of 1,263 yards in his senior season.

### The line holds

The unsung heroes, better known as linemen, for Montevallo have kept up with the pace of great players from MHS.

Bobby Sherrer, a 1974 senior Bulldog, received All-County and All-Mid-State honors, though the team made only a 4-6 regular season record.

Barry Kornegay not only "opened holes" for the 1977 Bulldogs (9-0-1), but he kicked field goals as well.

Kornegay earned both the Theron Fisher Award and the Principal's Trophy.

Sammy Nix received the Principal's Trophy and All-

County honorable mention recognition on the 1981 Bulldog team (6-4).

### True Bulldog defense

In true Bulldog fashion MHS has been known through the years for its tenacious defensive play.

Tim Otts was defensive leader in 1976, earning All-State honors and being voted most valuable defensive lineman by his teammates.

Weighing only 132 lbs. his senior season, Jerome Tolbert played linebacker and received the headhunter award for his "skills."

Steve Melsoni, playing on the 1979 team which had a 3-7 record, was named to THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS Super 15. He also received All-County honors.

Rex Wallace led the 1981 Bulldogs with most sacks and was voted most valuable defensive lineman by his teammates.

### A salute

Richard Gilliam's tutelage has produced some great MHS teams and developed many gifted athletes.

From Thomas Brown and Terry McCarey to J. J. Moore and Taylor Blackwell, MHS's past has been rewarding and impressive.

To these heroes of the past--THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!



# SPOTLIGHT

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At pregame show

## Court presented

HOOMEING '84 was last week at MHS. The queen's court featured freshmen Cindy Robbins and Sandra Sloan, sophomores Kara Child and Michelle Hall, juniors Karla Hawks and Wanda Sloan and senior Annette Fletcher. This year's queen, Michele Kelly, was announced at the game.

Donna Harris, last year's queen, crowned the queen in the pregame ceremony. Parents of football players were also introduced during the activities.

The theme of the dance, which featured the queen and court in a leadout, was Almost Paradise. For the special event, the auditorium was decorated with rainbows, unicorns, stars and half-moons.



### ROYALTY!

Queen Michele Kelly (left) and senior attendant Annette Fletcher enjoy Homecoming activities.

## Reagan overrides Mondale

If Montevallo High School students were old enough to vote, the majority would have cast their vote for Ronald Reagan and George Bush in the recent election. MHSers participated in the National Student/Parent Mock Election Nov. 1.

The Reagan/Bush ticket claimed 183 votes while 77 MHSers favored Mondale/Ferraro. For United States Senator, incumbent Howell Heflin defeated challenger Albert Lee Smith 182 to 137 votes.

"No" was the answer of 280 students to the question "would you favor an increase in taxes to reduce the federal deficit provided there was an equal amount of spending cuts in all areas."

Eighty-eight others favor spending cuts in all areas. This issue drew more participation than any other part of the ballot.

Students also turned down another bill which would increase federal aid to education if it meant reducing defense spending and spending needs (i.e., aid to cities, jobs, welfare, housing, etc.).

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## Holidays near

Monday Shelby County schools will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. The following week brings two more holidays: Thanksgiving, Nov. 22, and the following day, Nov. 23. Due to the "short" two weeks, SPOTLIGHT will not be issued again until Nov. 30.

## Marching band receives '1's'

SUPERIOR RATINGS were captured by the Troubadours at the Miracle Strip Marching Festival Oct. 27.

Judges Richard De La Fuente, Kelly Love and Bently Shellhamer awarded the band straight "ones." Drum major Jonathon Grimes earned a "one" from judge Gordan McGraw and judge Sherman Wong gave the drum line a "one." The majorettes received "ones" from majorette captain Kimm Lyle, and color guard judge Ray Lancaster evaluated the flags as a "two." Overall, the band rated 90.

Kelly Love commented that the show was well  
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# Reagan overrides --(Cont.)

"Yes" was 159 students' response to a continued build-up of nuclear strength as the means to keep the peace; 128 opposed.

Although parents did not join in the balloting at MHS, a separate poll was taken of the teachers. Mondale/Ferraro overruled Reagan/Bush by one vote among faculty members, and one teacher cast a vote for the American Communist Party. Senator Heflin took 14 votes; Smith, 5. Teachers favored the bills on continued build-up, a tax increase to reduce the federal deficit and an increase in federal aid to education if it meant reducing other spending.

Throughout Shelby County Reagan was the victor over Mondale with 1,465 to 320 votes, but the senate race was a close one. Heflin received 575 votes, while Smith got 542.

On the state level, Reagan also won over Mondale. Reagan had 61% of Alabama's votes (38,128), while Mondale took 39% of the votes (24,398). Statewide, students favored Heflin as the next U.S. Senator with 64% of the votes. Reagan overruled Mondale 974,407 (59%) to 669,183 (41%) in the national poll.

Only 1 of the 3 issues were favored on the national level; it was to increase federal aid to education if it meant reduced defense spending.

## Club names leaders, plays

Drama Club members recently elected new officers. They are senior Bert Lott, president; sophomore Cathy Anderson, secretary; and junior Belinda Tripp, treasurer. Program chairmen are Jon Carter, Taffy Hall and Cecelia Rutledge. The group will present their competition play, The Bear, Dec. 8, at Tarrant High School.

On Dec. 13, The Plight Before Christmas will be performed in the school's auditorium at 7 p.m. Open Admissions, a short story play, will be presented for the students sometime in the near future says advisor Barbara Belisle.

## Group attends banquet at UM

Student Council members were honored at a special banquet Nov. 4 at the University of Montevallo.

The guest list included MHS Student Council representatives, the UM student government cabinet, Principal Norman Payne and assistant principal Johnnie McClain.

Keynote speaker was attorney William Hill.

**Band rates 'ones' at Festival** -- (Cont.)  
designed and rehearsed" while Bently Shellhamer noted that "it was a solid show."

Richard De La Fuente stated, "It was a delight to have that type of education in music," and director Jim Weese closed saying, "I felt like it was a worthwhile venture and a fitting reward for the band."

## Teacher aide joins faculty

Teacher Dora Valentine began work at Montevallo High this week. She will be assisting Coach Sammy Skinner with his classes.

Counselor Colleen Colley comments, "Due to the large enrollment in Coach Skinner's classes, Montevallo is eligible for a teacher's aide.

Mrs. Valentine is a certified teacher and hopes to have a full-time teaching position next year.

Coach Skinner remarks, "Mrs. Valentine will be a great help teaching one-on-one with my students while I teach the larger groups. Therefore, the students will have both individualized and classroom types of instruction.

## PTO plans for next meeting

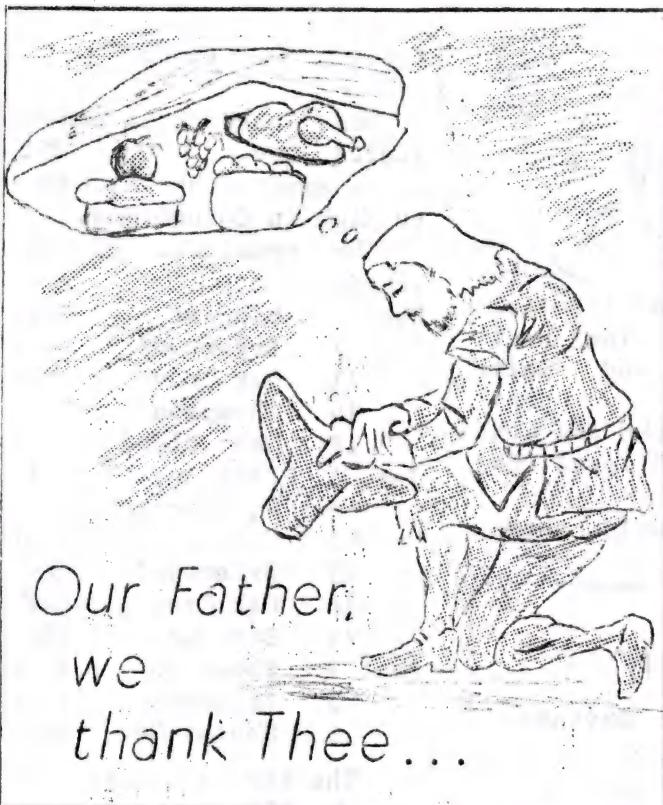
Tuesday night, Nov. 13, the PTO will meet at 7 p.m. in the MHS auditorium.

The program, "The Arts in Education, an Integral Part," will be presented by the Shelby County Arts Council and the University of Montevallo.

Dr. John Stewart has arranged for the UM jazz ensemble to play, followed by speaker Mrs. Pat Byrd of the Arts Council.

Mrs. Byrd will speak on the history of the Council and what it does within the school system. The devotional will be presented by the Baptist Student Union's Koinoea ensemble.

# EDITORIALS



## Week honors wisdom

"Educational Excellence: Our Nation's Best Defense" has been selected for the theme of American Education Week which is next week, Nov. 11-17. During this week, as well as the remainder of the year, students at MHS should strive for academic excellence.

When most people think of national defense, they picture military-related things such as guns, missiles, bombs and troops of soldiers. However, the background of all these things comes from education. It takes well educated men and women to develop the equipment and weapons needed for defense.

If everyone in the United States is better educated, the top ranking military officials will also be superior. Therefore, our national defense would be expanded to top quality through these people who realized the importance of an excellent education.

Everyone within our community--including MHSers--can become involved in striving for higher education standards in order to strengthen our nation.

## SC praised

Homecoming was a great success this year due to the efforts of the Student Council.

This group spend many hours in preparation. Their work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

## Holiday brings tradition

Pilgrims, turkey and pumpkin pie are but three of the words associated with Thanksgiving. The holiday was first observed by the Pilgrims and Indians in Plymouth Colony, Mass., in 1621. Governor William Bradford appointed the day for feasting and Thanksgiving.

Not only is Thanksgiving a day for feasting and celebration, it is also a day set aside for thanking God and recognizing how fortunate we are to live in a country whose forefathers created such a holiday.

## Nation honors veterans

Veterans Day, originally Armistice Day, began Nov. 11, 1918, as a tribute to the dead of World War I. It later became a day to recognize all who served our country in war.

Most see the day as one for sleeping or playing, but Veterans Day is for honoring those who fought for our country.

At this time it is appropriate to recall those whose actions preserved American freedom.

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# Boosters work is applauded

by Andy Brindley

One of the hardest working groups associated with MHS's sports program is the Athletic Boosters' Club. Under the leadership of President Dot Holsonbeck, the club has undertaken numerous projects this year. Many of these have enhanced the football program.



The repainting of the football helmets and facemasks is one of the most noticeable projects. The newly painted blue headgear with added orange and white stripes really stand out.

The club also prepares pregame meals, works the concession stand, handles parking at games and puts together the football program.

Without the generous support of these people, there would be little or no sports program at MHS.

## Roundball season begins

Three returning starters, seniors Lisa Devinner, Lorene Gentry and Carol Paschel, and 13 others survived the "cut" for the 1984-85 girls basketball team.

Other team members are freshman Latrece Gaddis, sophomores Meg Perkins, Tena Nivens, and Gina Lucas, junior Donna Grayson, senior Suzat Rutledge and 8th graders Leigh Pruitt and Lee Test.

The team which will have new uniforms--blue shirts and orange shorts--opens the season at 5 p.m. against Jemison Nov. 30 at Jemison.

Games through December are:

Nov. 30	Shelby Co.	There	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 3	Jemison	Here	4:45 p.m.
Dec. 4	Vincent	Here	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	Shelby Co.	Here	4:00 p.m.

## Football leaders recognized

Senior Anthony "Amp" Prentice, the Bulldogs' leading ground gainer with 1,000 yards-plus this season, was elected captain by his teammates last week. Andy Brindley was chosen co-captain and Johnny Holsonbeck was named tri-captain. These permanent captains for the 1984 season were chosen by secret ballot of the team.

Ten senior players received votes for leadership qualities they have shown this year both on and off the football field. "Coach Richard Gilliam noted, that "every person who received votes should be honored, for someone on the team thought of him as a leader," and designated this group as "honorary captains."

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## Team sets fall schedule

Mens' basketball season starts Nov. 30 when MHS opens against Shelby County High in Columbiana.

The remainder of the schedule is:

Dec. 4	Vincent	Here
7	Briarwood	There
11	Oak Grove	There
14	Thompson	Here
18	West Blocton	There
Jan. 4	Bibb Co.	Here
8	W. Blocton	Here
11	Calera	There
15	Briarwood	Here
18	Oak Grove	Here
29	Bibb Co.	There
Feb. 1	Thompson	There
5	Vincent	There
8	Shelby Co.	Here

The Shelby County Tournament will be played Jan. 21-25; place is yet to be decided.

Montevallo will again be host for the Area Meet, Feb. 11-15.

A Mini-State Tournament (early rounds) is set for Feb. 18-22, and State finals are Feb. 25-28.

## Lady 'Dogs lose championship bid

Hopes for a 3A state championship in volleyball were crushed last week as the Lady Bulldogs were defeated twice in state competition.

They fell to St. Paul, 15-4 and 15-7 and to Lexington, 15-10 and 15-4.

Montevallo beat Oneonta to earn the spot in the playoffs at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

# Bulldogs beat Blocton, earn playoff berth

by Trey Hughes

By defeating the West Blocton Tigers 35-7 last Friday night, the Montevallo Bulldogs earned the right to participate in this year's state playoffs as the Area 5 runner-up. The 'Dogs travel to Oneonta tonight to tangle with the Redskins of Oneonta High in the first round of State play.

In their offensive eruption, the 'Dogs were led by senior wingback/defensive back Trey Hughes' touchdown reception of 31 yards and touchdown punt return of 64 yards. Sophomore Charles DeVinner also made the scoreboard lights blink when he intercepted a Tiger pass and returned it 31 yards for a TD early in the fourth period. Senior fullback Anthony Prentice led all rushers with 91 yards on just 7 carries. Prentice also rushed for a touchdown. Quarterback Rick Gaddis completed 3 of 4 passes for 54 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, the 'Dogs lived up to their billing as the "Orange Crush." Junior linebacker Norman Payne led the defenders with five solo tackles, one assist, two sacks, and recorded a tackle for a safety. Linemen Quinten Chism and Tommy Layton were also standouts.

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## County squads to try for titles

Four teams from Shelby County will be representing their schools in State playoffs this week. Besides Montevallo, Thompson, Shelby County High and Calera will be competing.

Oneonta will be the first test of MHS's 3A championship bid.

This is the 'Dogs' second year in a row to make it into the playoffs, but they have drawn a tough opponent in the Redskins who are 9-1 and rank second in the state.

Thompson will be hosting Wenonah in 5A classification. The last trip to the playoffs was a fruitful one for THS as the Warriors won the 1983 State 3A championship.

Shelby County High (4A) will entertain Fairfield. The Wildcats are the only team in the county who boasts a perfect 10-0 record this season.

The Calera Eagles will be facing Millport in the 2A division tonight.

## MHS falls in Tiger country

Oak Grove dropped Montevallo 21-12 in an area match Oct. 26. The 'Dogs drove 87 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring late in the first quarter. Anthony Prentice took it over on a 12-yd. run. The PAT attempt failed.

With the Bulldogs ahead 6-0, Oak Grove used scores in the second and third quarters to take a 14-6 lead.

Guy Snider teamed with Kevin Jackson on a pass for the first score; Tony Beckwood got the second on a short run.

A third period drive carried the Bulldogs to Oak Grove's 13, where a penalty stopped them. Oak Grove then put together another scoring drive with Billy Barrow going over from the 3. Snider kicked his third point-after of the night.

The Bulldogs got one more chance when sophomore Slade Blackwell returned a Tiger fumble 67 yards for a touchdown, putting the 'Dogs closer at 21-12; but that was as near as they could come.

Quinten Chism was the Bulldogs' defensive leader. He had 11 solo tackles and 2 assists.

## System provides team 'movies'

MHS's football games are now being filmed on video tape and viewed by the team with a VCR taping system. The equipment and a television to view the tapes on were purchased by the athletic department for \$2,366.

## School loses running program

Due to lack of coaches, Montevallo High School will not be able to compete in cross country track this year. Principal Norman Payne explains, "Neither I nor any one of the coaching staff has time to coach the runners."

Mr. Payne went on to say that "by not having the cross country team, it means that we will concentrate harder on the track team in the spring."

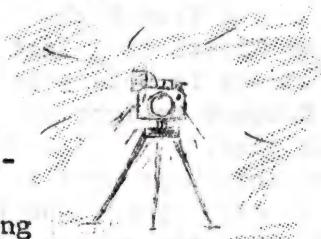
# Students become 'Stars'

As part of a grammar unit, Mrs. Cathy Bearden's 10th grade advanced English students recently created their own dramas. Each class member was required to write a play and present it to the class.

The students did their own casting and provided costumes and props. Each of the plays was videotaped and will be shown later in the year when the class studies drama.

After the presentations, students checked and corrected all punctuation and capitalization before submitting the plays for grading. Each drama had to include at least ten examples of each of the four kinds of sentences.

"This activity gave students a chance to practice both written and oral uses of punctuation marks," says Mrs. Bearden.



## Group watches pros perform

Several 10th grade English students attended a play recently presented at the University of Montevallo by The Acting Company on tour for the John F. Kennedy Center in New York. The play, "The Skin of Our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder, was part of UM's Concert and Lecture Series Program.

MHSers attended for extra credit in English 10 and because teacher Cathy Bearden wanted them to see an example of Wilder's unique style of writing. The sophomores will study "The Bridge over San Luis Rey" later this year.

"I liked it--it was humorous," observed Brian Hall. Mark Gentry adds, "My favorite part was when the dinosaur started speaking." "I'd like to see more plays like that," says Cecilia Rutledge.

## Speaker to visit

First Lieutenant Carolyn Davenport will visit MHS's biology classes today.

Lt. Davenport who is in 82nd Airborne Battalion with the army, now stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., is teacher Carol Czerw's sister.

She will speak on motivation and the important roles women today can play.

## Farmers travel to Kansas City

Students from Montevallo High School and from all over the country are now attending the National Future Farmers of America Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Seniors Michael Martin, Bert Peete, Bob Peete and Timmy Nash and junior Wayne Cofer are participating in the event.

Teacher Tony Berry and Wayne Cofer's father are accompanying them.

The group left Tuesday morning and will return to school next Tuesday.

## Class ends sale

Publication class members are completing their annual cheese sale today. This year two new cheeses, hickory smoke cheddar and cheddar with bacon, have been added.

The products are part of a Swiss Colony line, marketed by Scott Company. Mr. Ken Monk organized the fundraiser.

Orders should arrive the first week of December. Senior Jim Turner, MONTALA editor, comments, "This cheese sale is a great idea because it is so different from all the candy sales in the past."

## FFA shows beef

Next week Montevallo's chapter of FFA will hold its second annual FFA-4H steer show.

Participants for the Nov. 17 event will be from Shelby, Jefferson, Bibb, Chilton and Talladega Counties.

A new section has been added this year. In a special Parent's Showmanship Class, parents will be allowed to show their kids' steers notes chapter president Michael Martin.

## Grades due soon

Today ends the second six weeks grading period. Students will get report cards Thursday, Nov. 16.

The next grading period will end the first semester. The final day of the term is Dec. 21.



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## ONE MORE TIME

Juniors Stann Mahan and Jonathan Carter practice their roles in The Plight before Christmas.

## 62 earn excellent grades

Twelve MHSers earned all A's for the second grading period. The sophomores had six on the top list. They are Kara Child, Randy Johnson, Lisa Lawley, Rhonda Murray, Marsha Tryon, and Sherry Yeager.

Three freshmen and three juniors were also on the roll. They are freshmen Glenda Lawley, Tracey McElroy, and Britt Blake, and juniors Lisa Burks, Audra Clark, and Wanda Sloan. None of the seniors made the list.

Fifty other MHSers were listed on the A-B honor roll which is composed of 13 seniors, 16 juniors, 14 sophomores, and 7 freshmen.

## School improves wood floors

Yesterday, maintenance technician Danny Akers, Principal Norman Payne and basketball coach Bobby Pierson began work on refinishing the gym and auditorium floors.

The project, which will cost approximately \$550 to complete, will require four days' work according to Mr. Akers.

The workers will screen the floor to remove the old dirt and sealant. Then they will apply two new coats of sealant. "After two coats, the floors will look like glass," comments Mr. Payne.

The improvements are underway to be ready for completion as home basketball games begin.

## Group to perform play

Drama Club members will present the annual Christmas play Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the MHS auditorium. The play, The Plight before Christmas, by Fred J. Cusick, is about a woman who is about to lose her boarding house during the Christmas season.

Main characters of the production are Ebeneezer Humbug and Felicity Fuzziwig, played by Jonathan Carter and Stann Mahan.

Other characters are: Cheyenne, Mandy Fowler; Bob Scratchit, Paul Brown; "Slim" Dickens, Ralph Burke; Aunt Fuzziwig, Leah Baker; Mysterious Boarder, Jay Edwards; and Decker Hall, Reggie Mann.

Other students will portray a bartender, saloon girls, drunks and card players.

The club will present a preview of the play during school, and tickets for the performance will be on sale at the door. Prices are \$1, students; \$1.50, non-students.

On Dec. 8, seniors Bert Lott, Elise Stewart and junior Dean Alexander will present The Bear, in competition at Tarrant City High School.

Teacher Barbara Belisle will direct both plays.

## Activities set

Upcoming events at MHS are:

Dec. 13--Christmas play

17--Band's Christmas concert

19, 20, 21--Semester exams

21--Semester ends

24--Christmas holidays begin

Jan. 7--Teachers work day

8--School re-opens for students

## 'Montala' moves to spring

This year the MONTALA is undergoing various changes. The largest is that beginning with this year, it will be a "spring" book. In the past, the yearbook was delivered in the fall of the next year rather than being available the year it was produced.

Spring sports, awards day, graduation and the junior-senior prom will not be in this year's book, but will be included in the 1986 MONTALA. The new book will also feature more world events, such as the '84 Olympics and Indira Ghandi's death.

One reason for the change to a spring issue says sponsor Heidi Ross is because a fall issue is so much more costly, since the printing company must maintain a summer staff. She adds that many graduates complain that they have difficulty getting their yearbooks due to marrying and moving away. So the spring books which will arrive for distribution in May will be a convenience to them.

## Ag department holds show

On Nov. 17, MHS's ag department hosted its second annual FFA invitational steer show. Five MHS students' steers placed in their classes. Senior Bob Peete's Gremlin received 3rd, junior Paul Brown's Jimbo and sophomore Wayne Cofer's Rex both earned 4th, and senior Mike Martin's Gizmo and Timmy Nash's Red placed 6th.

The Grand Champion was a steer owned by Chris Watson, an FFA member from Lincoln High School. Tracy Patterson of the Jefferson County 4-H claimed the Reserve Champion award with his animal. These top winners were each awarded silver belt buckles which are valued at \$90 apiece.

There was also a special showmanship class for parents, 4-H leaders and FFA advisers. Ag instructor Tony Berry commented about the class, "It was very different and entertaining."

Mr. Tommy Maples, an Auburn graduate who worked with UA's livestock judging team, was judge for the show.

## Group to develop potential

Several people will be attending a special science workshop at the University of Montevallo today. Five students from each school in Shelby County are allowed to participate in this Minority Achievement Program.

Seniors Lisa DeVinner, Belinda Tripp and Sheila Tripp and juniors George Jackson and Ray Rutledge will represent MHS.

The program is underwritten by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation to expand the educational development of minority students and to help them realize their human intellectual potential to the fullest extents.

## NHS helps tutor students

According to Principal Norman Payne, MHS students needing help in an academic subject will be provided a tutor for the remainder of the semester.

National Honor Society members will act as the tutors and will help students in a variety of subjects. Classes will meet every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m., in Mrs. Barbara Belisle's and Mrs. Ann Parker's classrooms.

There are currently six MHSers enrolled in the program which began Wednesday night.

## Jump assists

Students statewide were jumping to raise funds for the American Heart Association recently. Maximum jumping time was three hours for each person.

The exercise was designed to help fight heart disease and strokes. Jumpers raised funds through pledges from sponsors.

MHS participants collected \$242.50. Prizes will be given to jumpers later says teacher Dot Bishop.

## Club supports MS

Members of the National Honor Society will hold an in-school Multiple Sclerosis drive next week, Dec. 3-5. All contributions will go toward supporting MS research, patient services, and public education.

Club sponsor is Mrs. Colleen Colley. Chairman for the drive is senior Scarlett Harrison.

# EDITORIALS



## Principal shows pride

Willing, easy to please, always cooperative, understanding, one-of-a-kind are a few words which describe our unique principal Mr. Norman Payne. He is always doing something to show school spirit. If he is not turning flips at pep rallies, he is getting his face painted for the ball games.

At each sock hop after the games he is there enjoying himself and keeping things in order. He has a big heart that's open for every student. He cares about our school. We appreciate him because he is willing to give his time to any problems that may occur at MHS.

Mr. Payne has a big responsibility; but whenever things get tough, he just gets tougher.

The warm smiles he gives as people pass him in the hall are something to look forward to as are his unusual displays of Bulldog spirit.

Mr. Payne adds a "touch of class" to Montevallo High School.

## Team earns praise, honor

Although the Bulldogs are not 3A state champions as we had hoped, they are still winners to all of us at Montevallo High. When the guys look back on this football season, they should remember they have accomplished more than any football team at MHS. (The 1960 team was declared state champions by the news media before the current playoff system was designed.)

The Bulldogs advanced to the quarter-finals this season, making them only two rounds from the title.

Even though the scoreboard read a 10-8 defeat last week, the 'Dogs had a moral victory. The whole community was behind them throughout the season.

Although things looked rough earlier in the season, the "Orange Crush" stuck together and became a real contender for the state title. Through their hard work and dedication, the team has made it an honor to say, "I am a Montevallo Bulldog."

## Board adds extra escape

With the beginning of basketball season, Montevallo's new fire escape provides added access and exit from the gymnasium. The new fire escape is a safety measure provided the school by Shelby County Board of Education.

This addition has done much to increase the chances of survival if some disaster struck the crowded building. Bulldog students and fans thank the Board for making our gym a safer place.

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## Hell's angel shares life

Mr. Barry Mayson, ex-Hell's Angel member, talked to Coach Richard Gilliam's classes Nov. 13. Mr. Mayson showed slides of the different patches of motorcycle clubs. "If the patches have wings, this means they consider themselves angels," he noted.

He also showed slides of the Hell's Angels and people that are associated with the group. He said that he changed his mind about the Hell's Angels when he was sent out to kill members of another motorcycle club. He explained that once you are in the Hell's Angels, death is the only way out. The FBI informed Mr. Mayson that Hell's Angels have a contract out on him.

Since leaving the group, he has become involved in religious work. He now travels to different communities throughout the nation telling about the evils of motorcycle gangs and preaching Christianity.

## FFA attends convention

Over 18,000 FFA members dressed in blue and gold jackets converged on the FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., recently. Five MHSers and teacher Tony Berry participated in the event.

Speakers at the convention included Eddie Albert, Pat Summerall and Sen. Robert Doyle. Mr. Charles Plaum, a POW veteran, was the featured speaker at a special banquet they attended.

On the trip they visited the Real McCoy Cattle Ranch in Oklahoma, where the cattle are embryo transplanted. They also saw the American Royal Livestock Yards in Kansas City.

Lonnie Russell Ford provided the van for the trip.

## Biology students gather twigs

As leaves fall exposing bare branches, three biology classes are exploring in yards, woods, and nurseries in search of 25 varieties of twigs.

"The purpose of this collection is to be able to recognize things that you see every day but never know what they are," says instructor Carol Czerw.

Each 2-year growth-span specimen must be mounted with the common name labeled in some way. The project is due Dec. 14.

## School receives new wheels

Drivers Ed students are now driving a new sky-blue Bonneville. Coach Bobby Pierson is their teacher.

Leach Pontiac supplied the car which has navy blue interior and is equipped with electronic tuned AM-FM stereo, air conditioner, heater and a V6 cylinder motor.

## Author visits MHS cousin

Mr. William Bradford Huie, author of 26 novels, visited his second cousin senior Andy Brindley at MHS Nov. 14. He is now working on his next book, To Live and Die in Dixie, which will be made into a film.

Mr. Huie was speaking at the University of Montevallo and decided to stop to see Andy. He was accompanied by his wife Martha. Several MHSers had a chance to meet the famous author.

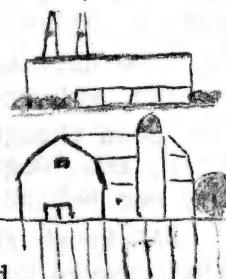
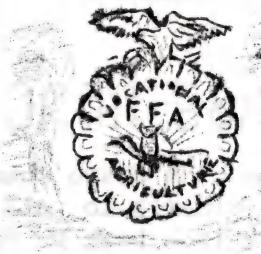
Mr. Huie, who recently moved to Scottsboro, grew up in Hartsell, Ala. Mention of his works is included in the Alabama history course required for freshmen.

## Chapter notes national week

During Farm-Cities Week which was observed throughout the nation, Nov. 16-22, MHS's FFA helped spread the word about the importance of agriculture.

The chapter's 2nd annual steer show also fell on this week.

The theme used for the week's celebration was "Farm and City--Partners in Progress." This week which is nationally sponsored by the Kiwanis Club with a cooperative effort with youth groups, salutes America's largest industry, agriculture.



# Month brings holidays

by Laura Arnold

Tomorrow is the beginning of the year's twelfth month--December. This month holds the year's most popular event and ends the year. The first part of its name, decem, means ten in Latin. Because of the ancient Roman calendar, it was the tenth month. Originally, December had 29 days, but Julius Caesar added two extra days making it one of the largest months.

Today, Christmas is the main holiday celebrated in December. It is observed throughout the world. Christians celebrate Dec. 25 as the birthday of Jesus Christ, and its color and good feeling add good will throughout the month. In addition, classes are held only two or three weeks in December making this a popular time with students.

Several other holidays are also in this month. New Year's Eve is a special time for parties. They begin on the last day of December and extend into the New Year.

In New England, Dec. 21 is known as Forefather's Day, in honor of the Pilgrims' landing in Plymouth on Dec. 21, 1620. The Feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated in European Countries on Dec. 6. Other holidays include the Feast of St. Stephen, Dec. 26; the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, Dec. 27; and Holy Innocents Day, Dec. 28.

(by Laura Arnold)



## UM offers unusual class

Nine MHSers are participating in a special Spanish II course at the University of Montevallo.

Their classroom has no desks, no books; and pens and pencils aren't needed.

Instead, there are comfortable chairs, a couch, and most of the work consists of oral exercises. The class is taught by Marinela Vellarrel, a UM senior.

As an extra-curricular activity, students will take a trip to Mexico during spring break.

At the end of the first semester, a final test to the group and those who pass will be eligible to take Spanish on a college level next semester.

The fee for the course is \$20 per month.

## Longest, shortest labels identified at MHS

by Cynthia Pickett

Of what does everyone in the world have at least one? A name, of course!

When a child is born, one of the first things he is given by his parents is his name. Webster defines a name as "A word or combination of words by which a person or thing is regularly known." At MHS, sophomore Catherine Elizabeth Anderson and junior Tyhease Cheyvonne Shamburger share the honor of having the longest names. Each carries a name with 26 letters although they are known as "Cathy" and "Tyhease."

Sophomores Christopher Andrew Bomar and Frederick Dwayne Tolbert tie in the male division with their 22-letter names. As Chris and Fred, they are recognized by much shorter labels.

Senior Tim Nash and freshman Lee Test have shortest MHS names--7 letters. Sophomore James Acker has the honor of being the first person on the school's roll, while junior Veronica Young is listed last.

Although no one at this school has a last name beginning with Q, U, X, or Z, freshman James Ison is the only "I" person recorded in the school's directory.

The most common names, first or middle, are Lee for the guys and Lynn for the girls, although spellings vary. At Montevallo High, no two names are the same. There are over 400 name combinations.

# Tigers end Bulldogs' season

by Trey Hughes

Hopes of a state championship for the 1984 football team were demolished last Friday night as the Bulldogs fell to the Randolph County Tigers 10-8 in the quarterfinals of the state playoff tournament. In their final possession and trailing 10-8, the 'Dogs drove 37 yards in 6 plays only to fall short on a 27-yd. field goal attempt, thus ending the season for the 7-6 Bulldogs.

After a scoreless first half, the Tigers cracked the scoreboard first when quarterback Stanley Bass hit Doug Andrews on a 43-yd. touchdown pass. Pat Prestridge's PAT attempt was good, and the Tigers were up 7-0 with 8:45 left in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs struck back quickly when senior fullback Anthony Prentice capped a 56-yd. drive with a 4-yd. touchdown romp. Rick Gaddis ran the two-point conversion, and the 'Dogs went ahead 8-7 with 6:07 left in the third period. Prestridge came on with 1:19 remaining in the third quarter and booted a 24-yd. field goal to put the Tigers ahead to stay.

Offensively, the Bulldog rushing attack was led by Prentice's 104 yards on 24 carries. Tailback Andy Chism chipped in 38 yards on 8 carries. Quarterback Rick Gaddis completed 4 of 12 passes for 46 yards.

Defensively, Prentice led the 'Dogs again. He was followed by seniors Quinten Chism and Lonnie Layton.

## Bulldog Growls

### Hall gives spiritual guidance

by Andy Brindley

Friday afternoons were a time of preparation for the football team as we tried to ready ourselves in many ways for the night's opponent. A break from the thoughts of the impending game came during the 30-minute team meditation period. This time designed for spiritual guidance was enhanced by the leadership of Pastor David Hall of Montevallo Church of Christ, located on Vine Street.

Brother Hall, a West Blocton graduate, was contacted by Coach Bobby Pierson, a member of his congregation, about delivering the devotion. Brother Hall agreed to perform the service and got behind the team in the process. His messages always made a good point and were appreciated by the team as a whole.

### New basketball goal bought

The school recently purchased a new basketball goal from Metro Basketball Goals for \$578. Teams will alternate using it for practice in the auditorium.

Plans are being made to mark off the auditorium into a half-court basketball floor.

### Lady squad faces SCHS

Tonight the Lady Bulldogs travel to Columbiana to play the Shelby County Wildcats at 5 p.m.

Both teams have new coaches this year. Mr. James Lawshee leads the 'Cats while MHS volleyball coach Dot Bishop directs the Bulldogs.

The Lady Wildcats will try to get on a winning note after suffering a 41-18 loss to Sylacauga last week.

On Monday afternoon at 4:45 in the Susie Delmont Gym, the Lady Bulldogs will seek to avenge an earlier 57-17 loss to Jemison.

The Lady Bulldogs will try to cage the Panthers in the season's only rematch.

### Shelby awaits Bulldog teams

Tonight kicks-off the Bulldogs' 1984-85 roundball season when they travel to Columbiana to face the Shelby County Wildcats.

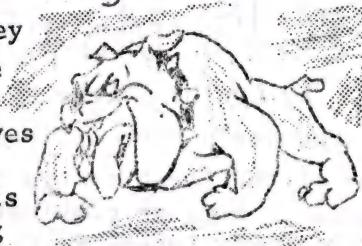
Coach Bobby Pierson sees the first matchup of his 'Dogs as "a feeling-out game" since it is the first one for both schools because of football playoff participation.

B team 'Dogs will play before the varsity.

MHS's junior varsity fell Tuesday night to the junior 'Cats 46-19.

The first home game for the 'Dogs is next Tuesday when Vincent comes to MHS.

Area play begins next Friday when the Bulldogs travel to Briarwood.





## Players receive honors

While in the state playoffs, the Bulldogs received special attention from the media. Four players were recognized for their individual performances, and Coach Richard Gilliam received Coach-of-the-Week honors twice from The Birmingham News.

After the West Blocton game, Norman Payne was recognized by the News as defensive lineman of the week and Trey Hughes was cited by the Shelby County Reporter as offensive back of the week.

Rick Gaddis earned back of the week honors from the Reporter for his performance in the Oneonta game, while Anthony Prentice received the award twice,

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### STARS CHECK STORIES

Players cited for performances in state playoff action are Trey Hughes, Ricky Gaddis, Norman Payne and Anthony Prentice.

## 'Dogs whip 2 to advance to quarter-finals

by Trey Hughes and Andy Brindley

With a mixture of total offensive control and tenacious defensive play, the Bulldogs defeated Oak Grove 46-20, Nov. 16 in the second round of state play. A week earlier, they had eliminated the state's No. 1 favorite, Oneonta. The victory over Oak Grove enabled the 'Dogs to become the first MHS team to advance further than the second round of state playoffs.

### Prentice romps, scores five times

Senior fullback Anthony Prentice, leading all scorers with five TD's, rushed for 116 yards in 15 carries. In just 9 carries, senior tailback Andy Chism led the 'Dogs in rushing with 123 yards, 51 of which went for a touchdown run in the second quarter. Senior quarterback Rick Gaddis completed 4 of 5 passes for 84 yards and rushed for 26 in 5 carries. On his only carry for the night, senior tailback Antonio Devould added 6 points on a 48-yd. touchdown run in the third quarter.

The "Orange Crush" defense was led by senior end Freeman Rutledge; with 9 solo tackles and 2 sacks. As linebacker, Prentice sacked up 6 solos and 2 assists; Chism grabbed 5 solos and 3 assists.

### Oneonta falls to 'Dogs

"How 'bout them 'Dogs" was a common phrase around Montevallo after the Bulldogs topped No. 1 ranked Oneonta 18-7 in the first round of the playoffs.

The first quarter featured a 15-yd. run by Prentice who would not be denied the score as he hurdled the last defender at the five-yard line. The touchdown capped a 31-yd. Bulldog drive, set up by Slade Blackwell's fumble recovery.

### Goal line defense

The second quarter showcased the Montevallo defense as the Redskins drove to the 'Dogs' one-foot line before being turned away by the stingy goal line defenders.

The Bulldogs came out cooking in the third period as Gaddis crossed Oneonta's goal line twice within 50 seconds. The first touchdown was a 12-yd. sprint, and the second an 11-yd. burst up the middle.

Oneonta's Lamonde Russell scored a late touchdown for the 'Skins on a 53-yd. run, but they failed to narrow the margin any further as MHS moved up in state play. The loss was only the second of the season for the Redskins.

## MHS, UM host Olympics

Wednesday and Thursday 51 teams competed in the Alabama Special Olympics State Volleyball Tournament in the Susie DeMent Gymnasium at Montevallo High School and in Myrick Hall at the University of Montevallo.

Wednesday featured the teams consisting of the Educable Mentally Retarded (EMR), while Thursday featured the Trainable Mentally Retarded (TMR). The teams were divided into different age groups and every participant received a medal. State Program Director Marie Jordan headed the event.

MHS students who competed in the tournament are Tony Beasley, Daryl Brown, Timothy Cotttingham, Karen DeVould, John Dukes, Donna Gentry, Eric McCary, Tommy Ray, Kelly Speakman, and Veronica Grayson.

## Boosters help with travel

Expenses for the Bulldogs' road trip to Oneonta for the first round of State play were funded by the Montevallo Athletic Booster Club and partially paid from the total received from admissions at the gate.

The MHS athletic department received \$1.40 per mile from gate receipts to pay for the team's bus ride to and from Oneonta. The Boosters provided money for the remainder of the bill for the chartered bus and the pregame meal.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association and the two opposing teams each receive one third of the total gate after officials and mileage money are paid.

## PTO sponsors 'war' paint

Many MHSers showed their spirit at the Oak Grove game Friday night by wearing school insignias on their faces. The PTO charged 50¢ for each design.

About 20 parents were involved in the fundraiser.

Orange and blue balloons and raffle tickets for a nutcracker doll (worth \$95) were also sold at the game.

The profit from these projects will be put into a fund to be divided between the three schools at the end of the year according to Mrs. Sharon Anderson.

## Players receive honors -- (Cont.)

once from the Reporter for his performance in the Briarwood game and once from the News for his performance in the Oak Grove game in the State playoffs.

After the Oneonta victory, the Bulldogs were named Team of the Week by both TV Channel 13 and 95 Rock radio station, as well as the Shelby County Reporter. Representatives of all three groups came to the school to present trophies and/or awards to the Bulldogs and the coaches.

## Volunteer teaches trig

Seven MHSers are now taking trigonometry under University of Montevallo student Susan Paisley.

Even though she is involved with the University's math program, she is a volunteer and gets no pay for instructing the class which meets during third period.

Because of scheduling, MHS math instructors Doug Morris and Johnny Horton had no way of teaching the class.

Counselor Colleen Colley explained that having two classes at the same time which was the only other possibility makes it hard for the teacher to have any one-on-one time with pupils. She adds that Miss Paisley may teach the course next semester also.

## Students compose in poetry study

"It's a way I give my students to express themselves," says Mrs. Barbara Belisle concerning her 11th graders as they write poetry in English classes.

Students were required to write poems in four different styles of writing after studying poetry by famous American writers.

They will be published in a booklet entitled Serenity. Several will also be entered in the Shelby County creative writing contest.

Types assigned included haiku, lyric, cinquains and original poems.



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Merry Christmas!

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## Asbestos is removed

Workmen from the Rives Construction Company are removing asbestos from underneath the Main MHS building and the Alice Boyd building. The potentially hazardous substance was found by architects who inspected the school last summer.

The work will take two weeks. The asbestos must be eliminated from public property by a government-regulated process.

Cost is \$13,849. The Shelby County Board of Education is footing the bill.

Special air-tight suits and oxygen tanks must be worn to protect the workers. After removal, the asbestos will be buried in the Columbiana landfill. Asbestos was removed from other parts of the school during the past summer.



### DANGER!

Workmen Mike King and Phillip Passmore carry asbestos from MHS.

## Date moved for Class of '85

Graduating seniors in Shelby County will have to postpone their celebrating and trips for 24 hours this year. Shelby County Board of Education agreed to move the date set for graduation from Wednesday, May 29, to Thursday, May 30. This change was brought about by parents of various seniors who complained that Wednesday is a church night. Mr. Jim Bittle, whose son graduates from Pelham High School this year, asked the board to change the date.

Superintendent of Shelby County Schools, Ellie Glasscox, said the conflict arose when the board chose a school calendar year that just happened to end on Wednesday. The last day of school will still be May 29.

## Christmas concert planned

On Monday night the symphonic band will present its annual Christmas concert. The program will get underway at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. Admission is free.

"Adeste Fideles," "Cavata," "Season's Greetings," "Sleigh Ride," and the "Vanished Army" will top the list of tunes for the performance. An American Folk Fantasy will be conducted by student teacher Justin Proctor.

"Come get in the Christmas spirit with the sounds of the holidays," urges band director Jim Weese.

## Tests are first; holidays follow

Students will put their knowledge to work from Dec. 19 to Dec. 21 as the term closes with exams.

The exam schedule shows Wednesday with second and fifth period tests. Students will take third and sixth period exams on Thursday, and first and fourth periods will have their tests the last day.

Report cards will be issued after the Christmas holidays on Jan. 10.

Christmas holidays will begin next Friday at 3:05. Teachers will return to school for a work day on Jan. 7 to complete grading semester work.

School will open for students to begin their second semester on Jan. 8.

# Christmas program set

Next Friday the drama class and the symphonic band will present a special Christmas program for the student body in the auditorium.

The drama class has selected two choral readings in which the whole class will participate says instructor Barbara Belisle. In addition, junior Elvin Thompson will present "Just Before Christmas," and "Keeping Christmas" will be read by seniors John Bolling, Carla Missildine, and Elise Stewart and sophomore Tracy Cunningham. The class will sing "Mary Had a Baby."

The band will be playing a variety of music under the direction of Mr. Jim Weese. Selections include "Season's Greetings," "Medley" (collection of Christmas tunes) and "Sleigh Ride."

## Squad places at tourney

Last Saturday the math team, coached by teacher Doug Morris, participated in the Vestavia Hills High School Math Tournament.

The algebra II squad finished second, and geometry competitors placed fourth. Five algebra I students and one advanced pupil also participated.

On Nov. 17 the team competed at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Participants were John Hardin, Randy Johnson, Glenda Lawley, Lisa Lawley, Tracy McElroy, Ki McPherson, and Steve Milstead.

## Advice given by counselor

With semester exams approaching, some MHSers might be asking how they can prepare for the tests.

Tips suggested by guidance counselor Colleen Colley include making sure notes are complete, collecting any old tests for review, and identifying sections of the book where the student feels weak.

Pupils need to prepare in advance for the tests, not study just the night before, stresses Mrs. Colley. She also advises, "Be sure to get a lot of rest, find a quiet place to study --early in the evening.

## Play gets award in competition

Last Saturday the drama club earned a "good" rating at the district play competition at Tarrant High School.

Senior Bert Lott was named best actor in Class A schools, and sophomore Cathy Anderson received an all-star cast award.

Junior Dean Alexander was also in the MHS presentation of The Bear by Chekhov.

"I was proud of them, and I thought they did an excellent job," notes teacher Barbara Belisle, sponsor for the drama club and director of the play.

Shelby County High's drama group won the Class A competition. They will now present their version of Anastasia at the State level.

### It's News Downtown

## Church to hold live presentation

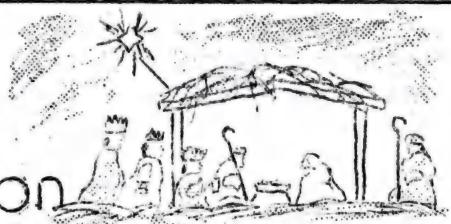
The First United Methodist Church will present a living nativity scene on Dec. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The presentation will contain live animals, as well as shepherds and angels. Dr. S. M. Mahan, Jr., and Dr. Elaine Hughes are in charge of the event.

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Hall Trucking Co. has donated space in front of their building to the Church of Holy Comforter.

Ladies of the church are selling different types of Christmas crafts. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Second semester registration at the University of Montevallo will be Jan. 14 and 15. Classes will begin Jan. 16.

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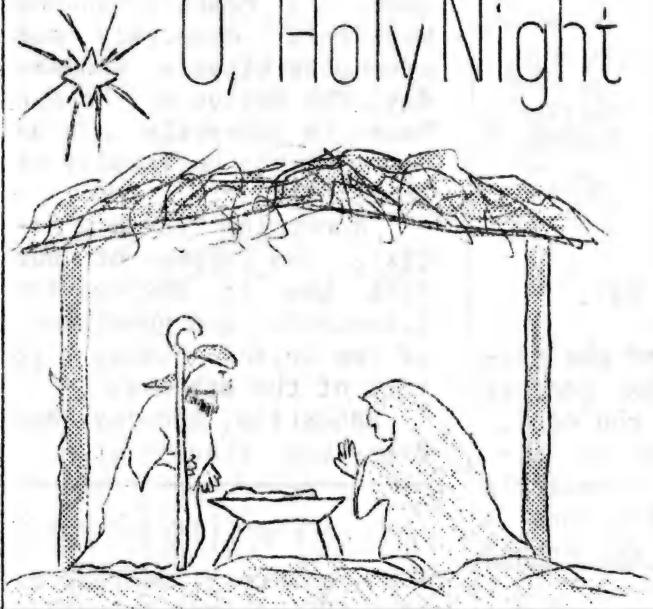
A large cedar Christmas tree is located on top of the Strand Theatre on Main Street. It was furnished and decorated by the Chamber of Commerce.

Theatre owner Carl Love says the tree's location atop the marquee was chosen because of its height.

The Chamber plans to make the tree decoration an annual affair.

# EDITORIALS

## O, Holy Night



## Christmas means Christ

Amid all the hustle and bustle of the busy Christmas season, we all need to take time out to remember the true meaning of this special holiday.

When we think of Christmas, visions of brightly wrapped presents, twinkling lights, and Santa Claus run through most of our minds. But somewhere inside, the picture of the baby Jesus lying in the manger among all the animals, wisemen, and his parents is also there.

The Bible tells the story of how the star of Bethlehem guided the shepherds and wisemen to the place where Jesus was so they could give gifts to him. On Christmas Day when the star is on top of the tree and the presents beneath, why not take just a few minutes out of celebrating to remember the true meaning of this special day?

## School's not all over yet

With one week remaining in this semester, students need to begin studying for semester exams. With Christmas drawing near, it could be easy to forget the importance of these grades with festive holiday events underway. However, MHSers need to keep in mind that the examinations count from one-fourth to one-seventh of semester grades which is a considerable amount.

Earning good grades on the final exams can assure a great average or allow one to rescue an otherwise failing grade.

The Christmas season is a time for joy, but students must hold their merry-making in check to schedule plenty of study time next week.

## PTO earns praise

PTO officers and committee leaders are commended for the projects they have sponsored this year. Not only has the group selected events which have been financially successful, but also a service to the schools and community.

Last week's production of the "Nutcracker" gave numerous students a chance to perform. In addition, it also allowed many in the Montevallo area a chance to view a traditional Christmas drama they might not have had an opportunity to see otherwise.

The parent-teacher group also did their part to add spirit to the Bulldogs' role in the state tournament. Face painting was fun and profitable.

Last week's arrival of Santa at the Montevallo Elementary School was also enjoyable. The PTO sponsored dinner and bazaar were popular events.

All three schools thank the hard working parents for these projects.

### SPOTLIGHT

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

# NHS sponsors contest

Christmas cheer can be seen everywhere on the doors of MHS homerooms. The decorations are part of an annual contest sponsored by the National Honor Society where originality, neatness, and the ability to spread the Christmas spirit is being considered for the judging of the doors. Judges are Mr. Herbie Milstead, Mrs. Jane Clayton, and Taylor Blackwell (MHS '84).

Last year's winner was Bearden's sophomore homeroom, with a pictorial display of the manger scene. Berry's freshman homeroom won the contest two years ago with a living Christmas tree on the door.

NHS chairman of the Christmas door decoration Michael Martin states, "It's one of the Honor Society's most enjoyable activities. It gives the students a chance not only to catch Christmas but also to spread its spirit throughout MHS."

## Reporters write for test, judging

Students are now writing articles for nationwide competition which are also part of the class's semester exam.

"Work ~~for~~ Independence for Disabled People" is the theme for the 1985 National Journalism Contest.

Entries will be judged on the state level. State winners will go to Washington, D.C.

Judging will be on investigative reporting techniques, organization of materials, clarity of expression, and the use of good sensitive language to portray disabled people positively.

"This article will be part of the semester exam for it is an excellent way to evaluate a student's ability to interview and then write a news story," explains journalism teacher Cathy Bearden.



## PTO shows profit

Approximately \$2,000 was netted by the PTO at its annual production of The Nutcracker Suite on Dec. 9 in Palmer Hall.

MHS Principal Norman Payne and several MHSers had roles in the play by E. T. A. Hoffman.

## Visitor shares

Miss Michelle Powell spoke to teacher Johnnie McClain's democracy and economics classes Wednesday. The native of the Bahamas is currently a student at the University of Montevallo.

According to Mr. McClain, the purpose of her talk was to compare the lifestyles and government of the United States to that of the Bahamas.

Education, economy, and drugs were discussed.

## Group visits home

Yesterday, members of the FHA visited Briarcliff Nursing Home to give a December birthday party for thirteen senior citizens there.

The students presented a short Christmas program of carols and readings. They also passed out gifts and served refreshments of cake and punch.

## Holiday could be cold one

by Beth Allen

More than likely Alabama won't be seeing any snow this Christmas; but if the weather is similar to last year's, it will be cold.

Last year the State broke record lows with a 30° temperature on Christmas Eve, 2° reading on Christmas Day, and 5° recorded the day after Christmas.

The average high on Christmas Day is 54°, while the average low is 34° (National Weather Service).

## DAY pupils eat in cafeteria

For two weeks MHSers shared their lunchroom with students from the Shelby County DAY Program while their building in Alabaster was being renovated.

Classes were held at Montevallo First Methodist Church during the remodeling. Money for the project was provided by the Shelby County Board of Education. The DAY Program is made up of students from high schools throughout the county.

# Santa receives wishes

Each Christmas, letters go out, and kids make wishes for what they want. The jolly good fellow who gets all of these letters and wishes is St. Nicholas, also known as Santa Claus. According to legend, he leaves home at the North Pole with eight (nine counting Rudolph) reindeer and a toy-laden sleigh. Good children are rewarded by him before Christmas dawns.

The original St. Nicholas served as a bishop of Myria in the A.D. 300's. He was famous for his generosity and people believed that any surprise gifts came from him. After the people in Netherlands chose St. Nicholas as the patron saint of children, his fame spread.

This Christmas figure is known by many names today. In France, he is Pere Noel; in Italy, La Befana, and in Switzerland, Christhindi.

No matter what he is called, however, children all over the world recognize him as the kindly symbol of Christmas.

(Taffy Hall)



# New Year brings changes

When the end of the year approaches, people begin thinking of things they want to do better or differently in the new year.



Here at MHS students and teachers are making resolutions. Junior Anita Rich says she wants to improve her life and grades to higher standards.

Junior Tyhease Shamburger hopes to gain more confidence in herself, while her classmate Regina Langham wants to forget the past and think only of the future.

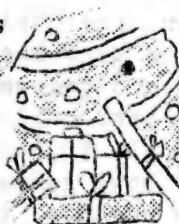
Assistant Principal Johnnie McClain plans to be "a little bit better" the coming year.

Sophomore Melody Thompson wants to spend the rest of her life with Kevin Lacey, and junior Norman Payne's resolution is to break Thompson's winning streak with MHS.



# Some plan trips during vacation

Christmas is commonly spent at home with family and friends, and that's what most MHSers are planning to do. However, some students are looking forward to spending the holidays out of town.



Senior Joyce Stone will visit her aunt in New Orleans, and senior Jennifer Wilder will head for a skiing trip to New Hampshire.

Junior Jeff Smitherman will go to his grandmother's home in Atlanta as he does every year.

# Students make Yule lists

Clothes, stereo systems, and cars are just some of the items that students at Montevallo High have on their Christmas wish lists. Several have unusual desires.

Seniors Trey Hughes wants a 30/30 rifle and cowboy boots, while Andy Brindley thinks a condo in Auburn would be great. Junior Beth Allen is hoping for a VCR to record all of her favorite shows.

Sophomore Daniel Broadhead's most important present will be to get "ungrounded." Freshman Laura Jones wants a camera, and sophomore Darla Young needs a pair of green socks.

A new set of tires for his pickup is high on sophomore Scott Evans' list.

(Victoria Nelson)

# Special feeling dominates air

What is Christmas spirit? It all depends on the person. To some, Christmas is a time to give gifts, visit with family, and eat.

Sophomore Melody Thompson says Christmas spirit is "exchanging gifts and receiving them from the one you love." To senior Jim Turner, it's "enjoying the company of my relatives, good food, and the festivities."

"Being with the one you love" is junior Tyhease Shamburger's definition of Christmas spirit.

Junior Jonathan Grimes defines it as "being kind in all ways." And junior Ray Rutledge defines it as "the expression of true feelings toward the things associated with Christmas."

(Cheryl Graffo)

Bulldog Growls

## MHS edges Briarwood

by Trey Hughes

Posting their first victory of the season was not an easy task for the Bulldog basketball team as they barely edged Briarwood's Lions 60-58, Dec. 7, at Briarwood.

Danny Holmes, scoring 15 points in the second half, paced the Bulldogs with a total of 23 points. In addition, he dished out a team-leading 9 assists.

Bivins rebounds

Forward Tommy Lee Bivins poured in 16 points to aid the cause and grabbed 11 rebounds. Slade Blackwell chipped in 10 points, including an 8 for 10 performance at the free throw line. He had 6 assists.

Farris Seabold lead

The Lions were led by Bob Farris with 17 points and Milton Seabold who had 12.

Prior to the varsity win, the Montevallo B-Team fell prey to the Briarwood B's 36-20.

Glenn Davis scored 10 points as MHS's leader.

## Bowls offer holiday 'watching'

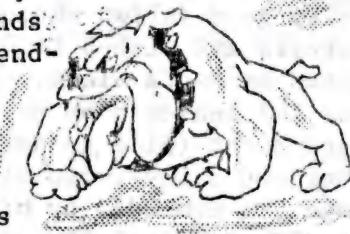
For the avid football fan the Christmas holidays are a significant time of the year because of the numerous bowl games. The pomp and pageantry surrounding these games which match the best college teams in the country draws millions of people in person and through television. The tradition of bowl games began with the Rose Bowl in 1903 which was created to coincide with the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

The Orange, Sugar and Cotton soon followed to complete the list of major bowls. There are now 14 lesser bowls with the addition of the Cherry Bowl this season. The bowls, steeped with tradition, are the reward for the best college football teams at the end of the year.

## Teams give holiday time

by Andy Brindley

Visiting with family and friends is the way most of us envision spending Christmas, but one group of MHSers will use part of the holidays for practicing and playing basketball. The basketball team is scheduled to have six practices and to compete in two games--Bibb County, Jan. 4; Briarwood, Jan. 7--during the break.



The extra effort on the part of the players, coaches, and managers exemplifies the spirit needed for success. The sacrifice they give in representation of MHS is important to our school and needs to be recognized through support of the team during the season.

## 'Dogs fall to county foes

Early basketball games proved tough for the Bulldogs as they lost their first two--Shelby County High and Vincent.

Despite forward Tommy Bivins' game-high 25 points, the 'Dogs dropped the opener 69-74 to SCHS Nov. 30.

'Cats take over

Montevallo took a 35-32 lead into the locker room at halftime, but the 'Cats came back to dominate the second half. Kenneth Jones led the assault, producing 14 points in the third and fourth quarters.

Bivins' and point guard Danny Holmes' 13 points apiece were not enough as the 'Dogs fell to the Vincent Yellowjackets 80-40 Dec. 4. In addition to being high point men, Bivins grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds while Holmes had 4 steals and dished out 3 assists.

Bruce and Tony Hamilton led the Vincent attack with 16 points each.

B's lose

Earlier the same night the MHS B-Team fell victim to the Vincent B's, 35-20.

Juniors Doug Patrick and Glenn Davis paced the Pups in scoring with 9 and 8 points respectively.

On opening night the B-team provided one bright spot for Bulldog fans when they whipped the Wildcats 56-48.

Davis was top scorer of the night as he pumped in 26 points for the 'Pups.

# MHS to challenge Warriors

Thompson's roundballers will be in town tonight to challenge the Bulldogs. The Warriors are enjoying a good start to their season as they have posted a record of 5-1 so far. Tonight's game will be played in the Susie DeMent Gym at 7:30.

West Blocton will be the next test for the Bulldogs when Montevallo travels to the Bibb County town to play the Tigers on Dec. 17. The game, originally scheduled for Dec. 21, was reset because of final exams.

Calera will visit MHS on Dec. 21 to take their first shot at the 'Dogs, and Bibb County High will come to town during the holidays on Jan. 4.

The Oak Grove game originally scheduled for Dec. 11 has been rescheduled for Jan. 12.

## Football starts?

Sixty-two men signed up to play football in the '85 season during a meeting in Coach Richard Gilliam's room Wednesday. The coaches and students discussed general information and future plans.

They will begin the off-season strength program Jan. 9 and will either schedule third, fifth, or sixth period PE or stay after school to work on it.

Spring training begins Feb. 11, with the Orange and Blue game scheduled for Mar. 7.

## Classes finish term

Physical education students are now finishing up their third six week sports.

Coach Dot Bishop's classes are completing a unit on basketball, while Coach Bobby Pierson's students will conclude their section on badminton with tournaments beginning next week.

Next semester Miss Bishop will teach bowling and badminton, and Coach Pierson will begin his instruction of square dancing.

## Lady 'Dogs post 3 wins

Coach Dot Bishop's Lady Bulldogs defeated Shelby County Nov. 30, 32-21.

Center Carol Paschel led the MHSers in scoring with 14 points and was the top rebounder. Guard Lisa Devinner scored 13 points.

Jemison's Lady Panthers proved too tough for the Lady Bulldogs a second time this season as they beat the MHS squad 21-58 on Dec. 3.

Tena Niven's 8 points was high for Montevallo in the losing effort.

The ladies got back on the track with a 52-47 win over Briarwood Dec. 4.

Paschel and Lorene Gentry led the attack with 16 points respectively.

The Lady 'Dogs knocked off Shelby County 63-23 Tuesday night.

Seniors Carol Paschel and Lorene Gentry were high scorers for the game played at home.

The Ladies play Calera next Friday at 5 p.m. at home.

## Randolph falls

Lamar County captured the state 3A football championship last Friday night, defeating Randolph County 29-0 in the final playoff game.

After defeating MHS's Bulldogs in the quarter-finals, Randolph advanced in the playoffs to beat Elmore County 28-13 in the semi-finals.

Oak Grove captured the area title, while Montevallo was second in the area.

## Supporters treat Bulldogs

Two groups honored the football team with meals at the close of the season. The Athletic Booster Club continued its tradition of cooking a steak dinner for the team on Nov. 29.

The steaks were purchased by Merchants and Planters Bank and were prepared by club members along with baked potatoes, salad, and rolls. The cheerleaders and several other guests dined with the team.

The following Sunday, the United Methodist Church of Montevallo treated the players to a breakfast at the Montevallo Room at University of Montevallo cafeteria. The meal included fresh fruit, bacon and sausage, eggs, biscuits and sweet rolls, hash browns, and grits. Many team members and their coaches also attended worship service that day with the Methodist congregation.

# 'Silent Night' rates first

One of the essential parts of the Christmas spirit is the music played during the holidays. Students at MHS have a variety of favorite Christmas songs, according to a recent SPOTLIGHT survey. "Silent Night" was the most popular religious song, winning by a margin of 141 votes. "Away in a Manger" was second and "Joy to the World," third.

Although numerous tunes were named, students favored "Jingle Bells" as their favorite secular song. "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" ranked a close second, and Elmo and Patsy's "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" placed third.

Television specials are also popular with MHSers during the holiday season. "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" was chosen as the most favored holiday program; and "Frosty, the Snowman," came in second.

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" also received many votes, ranking third among those named.

Many students also participate in special church services. There are approximately 30 churches in the Montevallo area which hold Christmas presentations during the season.



## Tree decorated

Christmas arrived first in the lunchroom at MHS this year.

Student workers decorated a tree furnished by teacher Johnye Horton. "We really appreciate Mr. Horton's generosity," notes manager Sue Melsoni who, along with other cafeteria staff members provided the decorations.

Special decorations are also in the office. Secretary Carolyn McCollough and bus driver Sara Morris furnished the ornaments.

## Students meet HERO I

Instructor W. H. Foster and student Tom Markham from RETS spoke to English teacher Ann Parker's senior classes this week. Mr. Foster showed a film on careers in the electronics field. He explained that RETS electronic institute offers a two-year course in electronic engineering technology.

Mr. Markham introduced "HERO I," a robot, and put it through the different programs. This robot could talk, sing, sense light, and distance of objects. HERO I could also move around on the table and use its arms.

Senior Becky Wall commented, "I enjoyed the program and would like to have a robot of my own like HERO I just as a pet."

## Staff celebrates with customs

Every family has its own Christmas traditions, and the faculty at MHS is no exception.

Many traditions celebrate the birth of Jesus. Teacher Johnye Horton emphasizes "sharing through special Christmas services at church" while secretary Carolyn McCollough enjoys Advent reading with her family on each of the twenty-five nights before Christmas.

Decorations are always a big part of Christmas too. Science teacher Carol Czerw begins her Christmas decorating the day after Thanksgiving by putting up her tree, while English teacher Cathy Bearden's house shines with outside lights.

Guidance counselor Colleen Colley's family goes Christmas caroling on Christmas Eve while teacher Mary Harvard's family drives around and looks at other people's decorations. Librarian Heidi Ross makes cookies to send to relatives, and teacher Barbara Henderson visits her family.

## Donations sought for 'Care' projects

MHSers can help others two ways this Christmas.

Teacher Tony Berry is collecting toys for children who might not be fortunate enough to get their wishes without such donations. Any appropriate items should be carried to the ag building.

Food for needy families is being collected by teacher Barbara Henderson. Canned goods can be carried to her history class room.



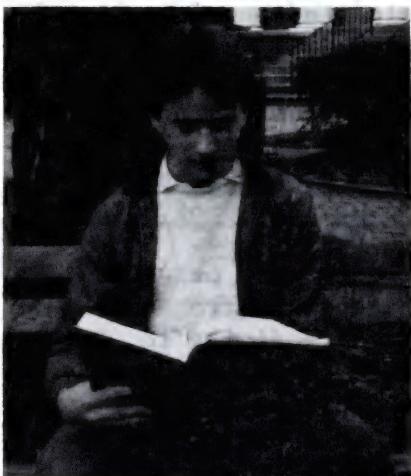
# SPOTLIGHT

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## SPELL IT RIGHT!

Junior Scott Austin prepares for today's spelling competition.

## Unity group plans meeting

Today a special task force will be meeting in the MHS auditorium. The group, made up of Montevallo principals Norman Payne, Frances Smitherman, and James Jones; University president Jim Vickrey; and Board of Education member Bill Fancher.

The purpose of the task force is to promote unity among schools, the university and the town. Thirty guests are expected to attend the meeting.

## Asbestos project completed

Workers from the Rives Construction Company spent approximately three weeks removing asbestos from MHS. The project, which ended Jan. 2, consisted of the removal of the chemical from under the main building as well as the Alice Boyd building.

"It is a relief to know that now MHS is safe from the dangers of asbestos," comments Principal Norman Payne.

## Scott to compete in Bee

Today junior Scott Austin will be representing MHS at the Shelby County Spelling Bee in Columbiana. He won this position by first defeating 28 opponents in 9 preliminary rounds on Jan. 10 and then winning the school's Spelling Bee on Jan. 11.

Judges for the finals were teachers Susie DeMent, Johnye Horton, and Delilah Robinson, English teacher Cathy Bearden directed the contest and gave out the spelling words

Winners of the County Spelling Contest will go on to compete at the Alabama Capital City Spelling Contest at Lanier High in Montgomery. Prizes at this event are an expense-paid trip to Scotland and England for the first-place winner and \$200 for second place.

Schools of the winners will receive a set of Compton's Encyclopedia for the top person. The second person's school will receive the Britannica Atlas, a Britannica-Webster Dictionary and Reference Guide.

Other MHS finalists who spelled before the school in assembly in the gym were juniors Tabitha Peoples, Sonya Peoples, Cynthia Pickett, and sophomore Chris Bomar.

## Honor Society awards ribbons

Fifty-eight MHSers received honors for their grades of last semester. Nine of this number earned all A's, while 49 were named to the A-B honor roll.

Students earning A in every subject were seniors Bert Lott and Shelia Tripp, junior Audra Clark, sophomore Randy Johnson, and freshmen Britt Blake, Glenda Lawley, Tracy McElroy, and Jeanise Motes.

Thirteen seniors, 12 juniors, 10 sophomores, and 10 freshmen earned A's and B's for the semester. National Honor Society, sponsored by Counselor Colleen Colley, awarded ribbons to these top scholars.

## Figure stays 435

Second semester's enrollment at MHS is the same as that of first semester.

Six students withdrew, and six were added to maintain the total number of 435 pupils.

# Students research careers

FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS Mrs. Cathy Bearden's 10th grade English students have been studying careers. The unit began with the students completing the Kuder General Interest Survey, which shows individuals those fields in which they are most interested.

Each student will prepare a career folder due on Jan. 25. To do so they must learn researching techniques similar to those used in preparing a research paper, and write a report on at least three careers.

Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley has collected all materials needed for their research. One of the newest reference sources is from the SOICC computer, which gives current information on approximately 290 jobs available in Alabama.

As part of the unit Mrs. Bearden's classes will visit the Shelby County Vocational Center in Columbiana on Jan. 24 to view the facilities and decide how to spend the remainder of their high school years. At the end of the unit, Mrs. Colley will have individual conferences with the sophomores to tentatively plan their junior and senior years so they will be prepared for college, technical school, or jobs after graduation.

"Of course, every sophomore will not decide the field he will enter, but many will be able to eliminate some possibilities after looking more closely at the various fields," comments Mrs. Bearden.

## Musicians await district trials

Symphonic band members will be putting in an extra hour of rehearsals after school in the upcoming weeks.

Tuesdays will be set aside for all woodwind instruments, while the brass sections will meet to practice for district contest on Thursdays.

The competition will be held in early March at Shades Valley High.

Band director Jim Weese says that the after school sessions are necessary for "with limited time during school, it is hard to do detailed work that the AA Class music requires."

# English class buys collection

Teacher Barbara Belisle's advanced English 11 class will soon be studying Four Classic American Novels which include The Scarlet Letter, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Red Badge of Courage, and Billy Budd.

Students purchased the collection from the House of Serendipity in Montevallo. The study will be in addition to the regular schedule during the second semester.

The class is now completing a study of some of Edgar Allan Poe's works--The Fall of the House of Usher, Ms. Found in a Bottle, The Bells, To Helen, and The Raven.

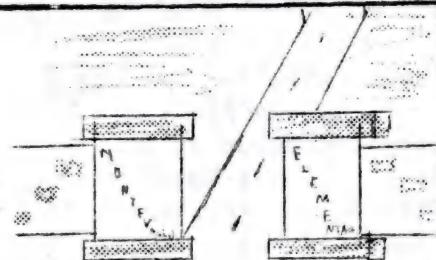
### It's News Downtown

## Drive to get distinctive look

Montevallo Elementary School will soon have a new entrance way. This is a joint project of MES, the Shelby County Board of Education, and the University of Montevallo.

According to Principal Jimmy Jones, they hope to make the school more attractive and have the road look like a private drive rather than an open road.

The entrance will consist of a brick column on each side of the drive. After construction is finished, shrubbery will be added along the entrance says Mrs. Betty Haynie.



Today is the final day for auditions for the University of Montevallo's production of Hamlet that will be produced Apr. 10-13. They will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Reynolds Hall.

The cast requires 20 to 25 male actors and 2 to 6 female actresses.

Group rehearsals and crew calls begin after Feb. 16.

For more information contact Dr. Charles Harbour, Ext. 413, Station 305, at the University of Montevallo, 665-2521.

# EDITORIALS

## Poll indicates habits

Despite a recent article in the Birmingham News claiming that teens' use of alcohol has declined in the 1980's, alcohol and drugs are still part of life for some at Montevallo High School.

According to a recent poll of 235 MHSers, alcohol is the most widely used substance, with 57% of the students indicating that they have had a drink in the last month. The senior class led with 77% responding yes. The freshman class ranked lowest with 43%. Sophomore and junior classes polled almost evenly with 54% and 55% respectively.

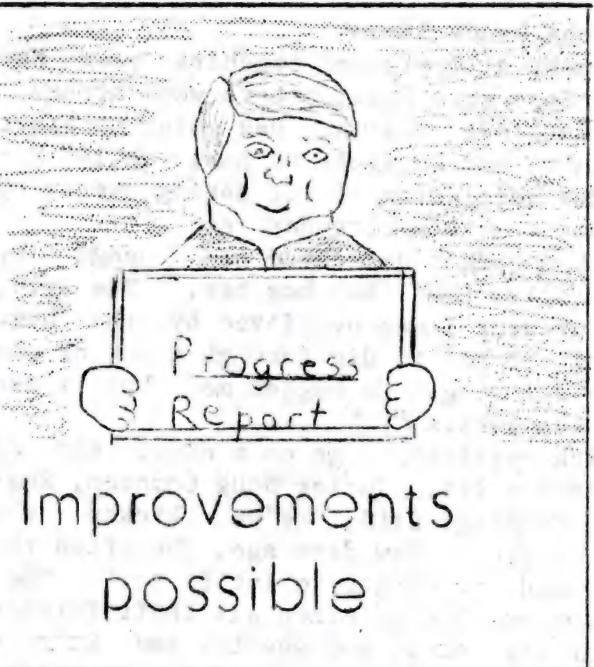
Between the sexes, the boys led with 59% responding yes while 55% of the girls marked the same answer.

Beer is the most frequently used beverage with 55% of those polled indicating that it is the most popular choice.

Drugs usage at Montevallo High School is not as prevalent. Only 21% of the students polled responded yes when asked if they had been using drugs in the past month.

The girls rated highest in this category as they compiled a total percentage of 27% responding yes while only 23% of the boys marked the same answer.

Marijuana is the most widely used drug according to the survey.



## Students get second chance

With the new year comes fresh ideas and a chance to start over--to begin with new goals and the time to reach them. Along with the new year comes a new semester. This gives all students another chance to bring grades up in order to pass a class or to simply raise an already passing grade higher.

Even if a student failed a class first semester, he still has a chance to pass if the average of the two semesters together is a 60 or above that at the end of the school year.

Now is the chance to excel and attempt to make this the best year yet. With high-set standards and determination, one can reach his 1985 goal and go beyond it.

## City provides help

Scholars Bowl practices are more professional now since the school bought a \$475. buzzer and light system with funds given by the city of Montevallo.

The buzzers and lights help modernize the practicing methods. It also lets students practice the method of answering used in the competitions they will attend later.

Having such modern equipment to prepare for contests with is a definite asset.

Funds for such purchases are appreciated.

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# Class plants avocados

Something is growing in science teacher Joanna McGaughy's classroom.

The project involves the observation of an avocado seed sprouting into a small plant.

During Christmas vacation, Mrs. McGaughy visited relatives in Florida and got three avocado seeds during the visit.

Even though Mrs. McGaughy teaches physical science, she thought it would be a good idea to add a little life science to the course.

Mrs. McGaughy notes, "In California and Florida avocado seeds grow into small trees, but due to freezing temperatures, this one will only grow to the size of a house plant."



# '85 brings many changes

by Wanda Sloan

As 1985 began, many students and teachers made New Year's resolutions. Some were kept; others were broken.

Senior Freeman Rutledge said he was going to start out the new year right, and he feels he has, while Michele Kelly broke her resolution of not eating sweets by the temptation of her cousin's birthday cake.

Junior Tyhease Shamburger destroyed her change of not letting Clyde Sails, (MHS '84) bug her. She said, "When he gave me a present I was overjoyed by the huge box until I opened it. I had to dig through a lot of paper to find a beautiful ring. He bugged me, but it was worth breaking the resolution."

Junior Darla Rich resolved to go on a diet, and as of Jan. 9 she had lost 4 lbs. Junior Doug Compton, Reggie Darden, and Jay Cummings said, "We've kicked the habit of "dipping" tobacco a few days ago. We tried the hard stuff (Skoal), and now we got to let it go." They report the resolution was broken since all their friends do it, they walk in the store and see it, and it's a hard habit to break.

Sophomore Joey Jones notes, "I'm trying to be more of a lady's man," while freshman Laura Jones said, "I am going to stop running after guys."

Principal Norman Payne has started dieting. He is jogging three days a week and lifting weights three days. His goal is to lose 20 pounds. He says that he has managed to keep his resolution thus far.

Hopefully, those who have made improving changes will be able to keep them throughout 1985.

## Biology class views organs

Did you know that earthworms have gizzards? Biology classes discovered this fact while dissecting the worms last Wednesday. The worms that are preserved for the classes were bought from Jewel Scientific Supplies.

Students will be labeling internal organs which include the intestines, the crop, and the body cavity.

Teacher Carol Czerw notes, Nothing in the classroom can take the place of seeing the real thing; dissections make the text diagrams more meaningful for the students."

## Pupils will learn Greek plays

Speech and drama class began second semester by studying the history of drama. The main focus will be set on ancient Greek drama. "Medea" by Euripides and "Oedipus Rex" by Sophocles will be part of the unit. "The purpose of reading these plays is to study the tragic characters," states teacher Barbara Belisle.



## Students attend UM

Several MHSers are enrolled at the University of Montevallo this semester. Their classes there include Western Civilization 102, German 102, Golf, and Intermediate Algebra.

Pupils who were taking Spanish II at UM first semester will be working individually in Spanish I class with teacher Delilah Robinson.

## FFA raises funds

Today is the last day for the FFA's fundraiser. Versi-Tex, a cleaning concentrate, is available for \$4.95 a bottle.

# Local teams defeat 'Dogs

Opponents have not been kind to the Montevallo basketball team as MHS has lost the last seven games in a row since their only victory over the Briarwood Lions.

Thompson's Warriors invaded the Susie DeMent Gymnasium Dec. 14 and exited with an 88-52 defeat for the Bulldogs, while the West Blocton Tigers did the same chore by downing the 'Dogs 63-58. On Dec. 21, the MHSers hosted the Calera Eagles who ripped the Bulldogs 70-49, while the Bibb County Choctaws dropped the Montevallo cagers 70-52 on Jan. 4.

Hoping for revenge, the 'Dogs traveled to W. Blocton Jan. 8, but they came away empty handed with a 65-55 loss. Last Friday night the Bulldogs ventured over to Calera to take on the Eagles a second time this season, but again came away without a victory, losing 61-54. On Saturday, the 'Dogs fell to Oak Grove 66-59.

Sophomore Tommy Lee Bivins, the team's top scorer in all but one game, continues to lead in the scoring department with a 21.7 average per game. Guard Danny Holmes is second in scoring with an 11 point average, and Slade Blackwell is present leader in assists.

Tonight the Bulldogs host the Oak Grove Tigers for a second meeting of the season.

## Football banquet planned

MHS's football players, coaches, and cheerleaders will be honored Jan. 26 at an awards banquet. The event, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Anna Irvin Room of the University of Montevallo Cafeteria, will feature Coach Buddy Anderson of Vestavia Hills as the keynote speaker and Dr. Joe Brindley as toastmaster.

Awards to be given include Captains' Trophies, Bulldog Spirit Award, Memories Scrapbook, Coaches' Gut Award, and many statistical honors. Cheerleaders will receive certificates of service.

Parents and dates are invited at a cost of \$7.50 each, which will include the buffet supper to be served before the program begins.

## Lady 'Dogs top Calera, 39-31

Returning from Christmas vacation, the Lady Bulldogs pounced on the Calera Lady Eagles for a 39-31 win.

Although there were many turnovers, the Bulldogs were able to maintain their hold on the Eagles to secure the win. Top scorers for the night were Lisa Devinner and Carol Paschel.

Before the holidays the Lady Bulldogs lost a 45-37 match to Briarwood. High scorers of the game were Latrice Gaddis and Paschel. Paschel also led the Ladies as they defeated Calera Dec. 21, 50-24.

### Bulldog Growls

## Rowdy fans cause dilemma

by Andy Brindley

Several MHS cheerleaders have expressed that there is a problem with abuse from the fans at basketball games. Some use harsh language, and some throw ice at the girls.

Those who sit on the first two rows of bleachers are partially blocked by the cheerers, which causes the problem. However this is no excuse for the action.

The slick spots created when the ice gets on the gym floor is a separate problem that needs to be considered.

I hope those on the lower seats make every effort to find a seat higher in the bleachers and refrain from further childish actions that others find not funny, but immature.

## Tournament set for county teams

Roundball action comes to a head Tuesday night as the Shelby County Tournament begins at Thompson.

The Bulldog B team begins the action at 4:15 against Pelham.

The varsity 'Dogs drew Thompson for their first round. The game is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Juniors and girls have already had their county tournaments.

After defeating Shelby 38-30, the juniors lost their second match to Pelham. The girls lost to Thompson in their first round.

As new year begins

# MHSers remember main events of 1984

by Trey Hughes

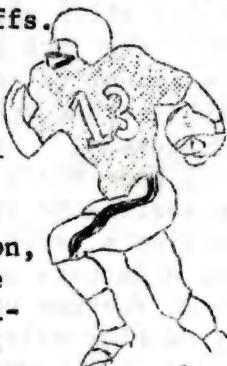
THIRTY-SIX YEARS AGO, George Orwell predicted many strange things to be taking place on this planet today in his book 1984. Although Orwell's predictions proved to be myth, 1984 did feature many big national news events. The re-election of President Ronald Reagan for a second term as head of the United States at the age of 73 and the death of India's leader of 33 years, Indira Ghandi, were two major items in 1984.

During the past year, Los Angeles hosted the Games of the XXIII Olympiad and Bill Schroeder became only the second recipient ever of the artificial heart, while the newly born Baby Fae received a heart of a baboon in order to try to preserve her life. But just as news was made on the national level, Montevallo High School had its own memorable events.

### Bulldogs are super

Finishing with a 7-6 record, the football team highlighted 1984 and became the first MHS team to reach the third round of state playoffs.

Anthony Prentice amassed 1408 yards and 21 touchdowns, and he and Lonnie Layton, tackle, were named to All-State teams.



Rick Dobson, a member of the 1983 team, signed to play football with the Eagles of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Taylor Blackwell led the basketball team as top scorer, with an average of 13.9 points, and was second in rebounds, averaging 7.3. He set a team record for high scoring percentage (80%) in one game.

Jeff Chism topped all lifters in the meet held at Montevallo with a lift of 325 lbs.; as he led the Bulldogs '84 weightlifting team to its third straight county championship.

### Band is No. 1

The Marching Troubadours rated superior at both the Alabama Central and Ft. Walton's Miracle Strip Marching Festivals,

and drew superior ratings from all judges at State in April.

Once again the Student Council raised money and provided service to the school.

In addition to sock hops after home football games, the organization held the first SC banquet.

### Hardin sparkles

Susan Hardin placed as a top 10 finalist in the State Junior Miss Pageant and received a \$1,000 scholarship and a resolution signed by Governor George Wallace. Rep. Sonny Moore presented the resolution before the student body at Awards Day.

Michele Kelly was named 1984 Homecoming Queen, and Annette Fletcher was the 12th grade attendant.

Bert Lott was named a national semi-finalist in the 30th Merit Program sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

Business teacher Susie DeMent became the first Shelby County Education Association's Teacher-of-the-Year last spring.

Montevallo experienced the customs and cultures of a foreign country this fall.

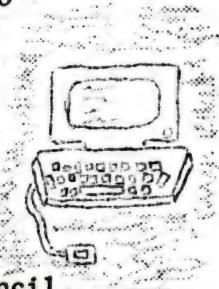
as exchange student Annette Adamson came to the USA from Denmark to live in the home of senior Michael Martin at Briarfield.

Montevallo's FFA chapter sent representatives to Kansas City, MO, for the National FFA Convention.

### Computers arrive

Montevallo

High entered the computer age last spring with two Apple II computers given the school by the City Council.



In addition to the new computer era, new policies such as extending the school day 20 minutes, allowing no public show of affection, and barring entering cars during the day without a special pass, are a few of the changes in the normal school day.

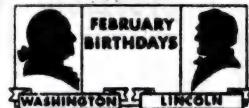
School bookkeeper and secretary for the past 23½ years Opal Long retired in September. Mrs. Carolyn McCollough took the position Oct. 1.

Indeed, 1984 has been very rewarding and prosperous for not only America and Montevallo High, but also for each student at MHS.



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## Salad served daily

Many students are now enjoying the delicacies of a salad bar in MHS's cafeteria. The bar, which contains salad, meat, cheese, and other healthy items, meets the same nutritional value as the type A lunch which the lunchroom is required to serve.

"The kids really seem to enjoy it," comments lunchroom manager Sue Melsoni. A trip through the salad bar costs \$1.10 with milk included in the price.

Mrs. Libby Arwood has recently been hired as overseer of the bar. She is responsible for the fixings and for keeping the bar stocked.

The salad bar was purchased with lunchroom funds.



LOOKS GOOD!

Junior Regina Langham waits for her trip to the new salad bar while overseer Libby Arwood restocks the bar.

## 'Snow days' needed early

Shelby County school systems have used both inclement weather days set aside for the 1984-85 year. All schools were closed Monday, Jan. 21, due to icy roads, frigid temperatures, and freezing water pipes. The following day students stayed out again because of cold weather and low gas pressure in many areas.

Since these two days were missed, classes will be held on Apr. 5 and May 10, originally scheduled for makeup days.

Classes were dismissed at 1 p.m. last Friday to insure that all students got home before predicted ice and snow reached the area. Lunch was scheduled an hour earlier so the food which had been prepared for the day would not be wasted. The two hours of missed classroom instruction will not have to be made up says Principal Norman Payne.

## Campaign urges belt usage

"Buckle Up for Safety" is the month's theme at MHS. Throughout February, various events will be held to emphasize this idea. These will include weekly comments during announcements, assemblies, and a visit from the Governor's Task Force on Seatbelts with "The Convincer" Simulator.

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## Group notes year's progress

On Jan. 18, local citizens, educators, and public officials celebrated the first anniversary of signing the Montevallo Educational Compact.

In order to enhance education in the city's schools, this document was signed to pledge improved cooperation and support among the schools, citizens, and the University of Montevallo.

Dr. Elaine Hughes, director of Academic Program Initiatives at UM, opened the program held in MHS's auditorium with a toast, using special souvenir mugs designed especially for the occasion.

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## Team participates in bowl

This year's Scholar's Bowl team competed in Shelby County's third annual High School Scholars' Bowl last night.

Members of the MHS team are seniors Bert Lott, Jim Turner and sophomores James Acker and Lisa Lawley. Alternates are freshmen Mike Mieure and Daniel Potter, sophomore John Hardin and freshman Glenda Lawley.

The team first competed against Calera and then challenged Shelby County, Vincent, Chelsea, Thompson, and Pelham.

The final match took place at 9:15 last night, and awards were given out at 10:00.

## Group meets (Con.)

She pointed out some of the year's accomplishments brought about by the agreement. Some of these include several tuition-free courses at UM; Apple computers; improved parking areas, playgrounds, and Fisher Stadium.

The commemorative luncheon also included presentations by UM President Jim Vickrey, Mayor Ralph Sears, MHS teacher Johnnie McClain, and Principals Norman Payne (MHS), Frances Smitherman (MMS), and Jimmy Jones (MES).

Approximately 40 people attended the event honoring the compact, which is the only one of its kind in Alabama.

The University is now organizing a booklet about the program as part of its public relations and community service project.

## Scott ranks in spelling bee

Junior Scott Austin was runner-up in the 1985 Shelby County Board of Education and Alabama's Capital City Spelling Contest held at Columbiana Jan. 18.

Scott was defeated by Terri Smith, an 8th grader at Thompson Middle School, when she spelled "hollandaise" correctly after he missed it.

Judges for the contest were Reverend James Chestnut from the United Methodist Church in Columbiana, Shelby County Sheriff Buddy Glasgow, and retired teacher Lillian Schultz.

Shannon Valenti, a Riverchase Middle School student, won the 4-6 grade competition.

## Policy limits flower delivery

Students will not be allowed to receive floral arrangements at school on Valentine's Day until fifth period.

"We can't continuously disturb classes to deliver flowers," explains Assistant Principal Johnnie McClain.

MHSers should not go to the office to collect flowers; instead, the office workers will deliver them to the classes at the designated time.

All payments must be made with the florist. No money will be accepted by the office.

### It's News Downtown

## Annual event Produces plays

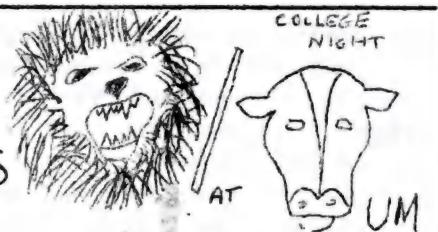
College Night performances will be held Feb. 14, 15, and 16 in Palmer Hall.

Students at UM become either purple cows or gold lions to write, direct, and produce dramas for the annual competition.

The winner will be announced Feb. 16.

A special Feb. 14 issue of SPOTLIGHT will include love and friendship messages from MHSers.

The cost is 50¢ for 70 spaces and 3¢ for each additional space. Singograms may also be bought. Deadline is today.



Six more weeks of bad weather was forecast by Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania. This official groundhog glimpsed his own shadow on Feb. 2.

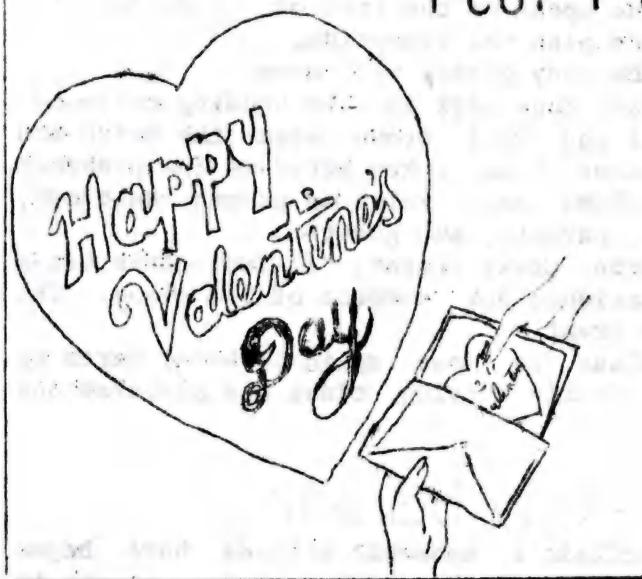
Soon owners of video cassette recorders will be able to rent their movies in Montevallo.

Home Video Center is opening a new store at 18 Main Street. The business proposes to open at the end of the month.

The store will stock about 200 movies and will add a few every week.

# EDITORIALS

Feb. 14

On Valentine's Day

## Rules limit holiday hugs

VALENTINE'S DAY is traditionally a day for showing love and affection to loved ones. This year, Feb. 14 falls on Thursday, a school day. Here at MHS, there is a rule that states that public affection is not allowed. This regulation applies to Valentine's Day as well as to other school days.

Even though Valentine's Day is traditionally to express love, those who show it openly in the classrooms and halls will receive the same disciplinary action as required on any other day.

Students wishing to express their love or appreciation to someone else may still do so by giving cards, gifts, singing telegrams, or candy to their sweethearts.

## Workshop dates conflict

Majorette clinic or cheerleader clinic, which should the girl choose? She knows she has a good chance of making cheerleader, but she'd really like to try her luck at twirling. Having majorette and cheerleader clinics during the same week could cause tremendous disappointment for this girl and others.

Those who want to go out for majorette but are more talented in the field of cheering must make a crucial decision.

If one goes out for majorette and doesn't make it, then there is no hope for making cheerleader either. Therefore, one is involved in nothing.

If majorette clinic were held a week earlier, then those not selected would still have another chance to show their support and spirit for the school.

Paula Kimbrell  
Jen Wilder

## Squad commended

Lady roundballers are commended for their season.

Throughout their games they displayed dedication, good sportsmanship, and school spirit.

## Decision praised

Even though expected icy conditions did not occur last Friday, Superintendent Ellie Glasscox's concern for the students' safety is appreciated.

Students throughout the county were permitted to leave school at 1 p.m. before travel could become hazardous. This decision was applauded by students, parents, and weather forecasters alike.

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## Book finished

After several weeks of hurrying and work, the final deadline for the yearbook was met. All pages have been turned in for the '85 edition of the MONTALA. The book is expected to come back some time in May.

For the rest of the year, the staff will be proofreading pages from the publisher and covering events and activities of the remainder of this year for the '86 edition of the yearbook.

## Cards ordered

"The senior class of Montevallo High School announces the commencement exercises ..." is the way this year's announcements will read.

The Class of '85 ordered invitations and memory books Jan. 25.

The announcements are single sidefolds and will feature the school crest. The invitations, printed by Dewberry's Engraving Co. are expected to arrive in six to eight weeks.

Seniors will be mailing them three weeks before graduation.

## Light studied

Projects on light are being constructed by Mrs. Joanna McGaughy's science classes. Each will consist of reports, drawings, and devices that use light.

The students will also write up experiments to go along with their other research.

"The projects are being done to accompany several chapters on light," comments Mrs. McGaughy.

## Class stages mock wedding

Mrs. Linda Booth, a resource person for wedding planning and catering, visited the 5th period family living class Jan. 14-16.

Mrs. Booth gave lectures for two days in preparation for a mock wedding ceremony and reception. She spoke on the cost of the wedding, how to plan the reception, and determining how many guests will come.



The whole class took part in the wedding ceremony. Juniors Taffy Hall and Paul Brown were the bride and groom, while Junior Kenny Dukes acted as the preacher. The rest of the class took roles as ushers, best man, bridal attendants, parents, and guests.

Teacher Junnie Craig states, "I feel this was a real learning experience for members of the class. The participation was great."

Mrs. Booth plans to come again in early March to teach 1st period family living class the preparations for a wedding.

## Students study banking

Mr. Johnnie McClain's economic classes have begun a unit on banking. The book, which is being taught by students from the classes, was furnished by Merchants and Planters Bank. The book consists of useful tips on budgeting money and descriptions of numerous banking techniques.

The classes recently took a trip to Merchants and Planters Bank where they toured the bank and received information on opening a savings or checking account.

## Lab workers inspect organs

Scalpels began making incisions when Mrs. Carol Czerw's first year biology classes started their search of different organs and muscles in clams and starfish.

Before being able to dissect the saltwater clam, students had to open the shell in which it lived. Because of the adductor muscles on each side of the shell, the shells had to be pried apart with a screwdriver.

The advanced biology class will soon be moving to the lab for the dissection of a fetal pig.

## Nuclear energy specialist talks

Dr. M. L. Picklesimer, an advocate of nuclear energy, spoke at the Jan. 15 PTO meeting. He used various charts to point out that nuclear energy is cheaper and safer than other sources of energy.

Science teacher Carol Czerw encouraged all her classes to attend the meeting which was held at the MHS cafeteria, for she "wanted them to experience both outlooks--negative and positive sides--of the nuclear energy situation."

## Belts reduce injuries, deaths

"Many people don't realize just how important wearing a seatbelt is," says drivers ed teacher Coach Bobby Pierson.

Statistics from the national safety council reveal that if 70% of the people wore their seatbelts, 170 lives would be saved and 6,000 injuries would be prevented yearly.

The State of Alabama is trying to pass a law making it mandatory to wear seatbelts. Some feel that this law would be interfering with their own personal choices.

Coach Pierson's response to that is, "People don't understand that driving is a privilege granted by the state. The state should therefore be able to put conditions on that privilege."

Even though the state does not require driving instructors to make their students wear seatbelts, Coach Pierson makes sure his students do. He feels that it should be a main concern of a driving instructor dealing with traffic safety.

## Group works

Wearing seatbelts is encouraged by the Governor's Task Force, appointed to inform the state of the need to "buckle up."

Mr. J. C. Draper, director of the Traffic Safety Center at UM is chairman of the committee calling for mandatory usage of seat belts.

## Safety involves everyone

Some people believe that one should have the freedom to determine his own risks. These people object to safety belt laws, saying that such laws violate their freedom of choice. People sometime say, "My safety is my own business," and "I have the right to decide how safe I want to be." They forget that nearly 45,000 people die each year in traffic crashes, while 10,000 others are injured because of traffic-related accidents on streets and highways.

This tragedy resulting from motor vehicle crashes has become a major problem in the United States. The real tragedy, however, is that more than half of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented by simply "buckling up."

The issue of seatbelts becomes no longer an issue when one chooses the right to seriously or fatally injure himself by not buckling up. Freedom does not include the liberty to take unreasonable risks with one's own life. The overriding evidence shows that traveling unrestrained in a motor vehicle is very much an unreasonable risk.

Therefore, safety on the highways is not a matter of personal choice--it is everyone's business!

. . . Leah Baker

## 'Crash' encourages buckling

"The Convincer," a man-made simulator that demonstrates a crash of 5 to 7 mph. was designed to make one realize that a seat belt is a dire necessity while riding in or driving a motor vehicle.

The simulator contains a passenger compartment with a seatbelt, like that of a car. "The seat" is set on an incline and can be adjusted to move at 5, 6, or 7 mph. It is run by electricity and has an electric motor that pulls it back up the incline to the starting position.

"The Convincer" was made possible by a grant from the Motor Vehicle Manufacturing Association to the Governor's Task Force for Seatbelts. It was constructed by Beck Equipment and Utility Trailor in Helena.

One lunch period during this month, "The Convincer" will be on display at Montevallo High School. Students will have the opportunity "to ride" the simulator and experience a crash at the end of the incline. "This mock accident convinces many to take time to 'buckle up,' says Mr. Jerry Baker, a member of the special Task Force.



# Bivins heads Bulldog drive

Leading all scorers with 23 points, sophomore Tommy Lee Bivins paced the MHS Bulldogs to a 68-49 victory over Oak Grove Jan. 18. Following Bivins in scoring was Cedric Nix with 13 and Slade Blackwell with 10.

Guard Danny Holmes added 9 points, while reserve guard Kevin Lacey came off the bench to ignite the home crowd with two blocked shots and one long-range basket from the top of the key. Tony Beckwood led the visitors with 21 points.

### Warriors win

On Jan. 21, the 'Dogs fell in the first round of the Shelby County Tournament to Thompson 73-61. Bivins again led the 'Dogs in scoring with 14 points. Blackwell and Nix added 12 and 11 points respectively.

Warrior Chris Thomas, tournament MVP, led Thompson with 20 points.

In the consolation game, Pelham whipped the 'Dogs 70-51. Bivins again carried the MHSers with 17 points while John North paced the Panthers with 25.

### Bibb beats Bulldogs

Jan. 29 marked the second meeting of the Bulldogs and Bibb County with the Choctaws winning a second time by a 62-44 count. Bivins pumped in 14 points as Montevallo's leader. Blackwell had 8.

Sammy Bishop led the Bibb County neighbors with 12 points.

## Squads will be determined

Majorette and cheerleading tryouts will be held Friday, Mar. 8. Clinic for majorettes will be Mar. 4-7. The participants will be required to have their own 2-minute routine. They will also need to know the basics of twirling. Majorette judges will be band directors and/or former majorettes. The maximum number of twirlers will be six says director Jim Weese.

Cheerleading clinic will be Feb. 26-28 and Mar. 4-7. Contestants will cheer at the traditional Orange and Blue game Thursday, Mar. 7.

The number of cheerleaders will be determined by the number who go out for positions. The maximum number will be 12, according to sponsor Mary Harvard.

Requirements for tryouts are a pom-pom routine, two cheers, and a variety of jumps.

## 'Dogs cold in postponed game

Monday night the Bulldogs traveled to Alabaster to take on the Thompson Warriors and fell in defeat 87-77. The game was a make-up game for last Friday's match-up which was postponed because of weather conditions.

Tommy Lee Bivins led the night's scoring, hitting 29 points; Barney Reed had 14 and Cedric Nix, 10.

Tony Hale was the Warriors' best with 16 points.

## Batters begin preparations

Twenty-eight men reported to the first baseball practice on Jan. 8 with new head coach Johnye Horton. Four more players will join the team after basketball season ends.

Due to spring football, 12 men will leave the team Feb. 11 to practice football for four weeks. They will rejoin the team after spring training and begin preparation for the opening game with defending state champion Vincent.

The game will be played Mar. 19 at Kermit Johnson Field on the UM campus.

This year the team will be sporting new royal blue game pants and possibly new game jerseys being furnished by the Athletic Boosters Club.

This afternoon the team will be selling doughnuts in order to raise money for a future net batting cage and a pitching machine.

Two weeks ago Coach Horton sold baseball caps in order to try to generate more fan support.

## Team to start work

Spring football training starts Feb. 11 as last year's players are issued equipment. Newcomers will be given equipment Feb. 12.

Testing and evaluation begins Feb. 13. Spring training will not get underway until later if the basketball team advances to sub-state playoffs.

The football team will attend the spring jamboree at Thompson, Mar. 7, with Shelby County Wildcats and Vincent Yellowjackets.



SUPER SENIORS SHINE!

Seniors (l-r) Trey Hughes, Anthony Prentice, Quinten Chism, Lonnie Layton, and Andy Brindley pose as they show off outstanding back and linemen awards.



MOST IMPROVED!

Senior Andy Chism and sophomore Slade Blackwell display trophies awarded them at Boosters banquet.



COACHES FAVORITE

Winners of coaches' awards are (standing) Sean Roberts, Johnny Holsombeck, and Antonio Devould; (seated) Ricky Gaddis.

# Football team honored with banquet

by Andy Brindley

MANY TROPHIES AND CERTIFICATES were presented at the Awards Banquet when the football team and its supporters gathered to honor their own Jan. 26. Coach Buddy Anderson, head football coach and athletic director at Vestavia Hills High School, gave the keynote address, which centered on the four bones of success.

Red, white, and blue captains' trophies went to Anthony Prentice (captain), Andy Brindley (co-captain), and Johnny Holsombeck (tri-captain). Prentice also earned most valuable offensive back, headhunter, most blocked passes, and leading rusher and scorer awards. Brindley was named outstanding offensive lineman, and Holsombeck captured the Bulldog Spirit Award and most improved lineman honors.

Other multiple winners were senior Trey Hughes (outstanding back, most pass

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# Flashy car meant help

by Paula Kimbrell and Jen Wilder

Until recently, when walking down the streets of Birmingham in distress, one might have seen a souped-up white '71 Thunderbird. The car would stop, and a man with octagon shaped glasses, lighted helmet, coiled rope, and silver armbands would step out.

One might have asked himself, "Who is this man? Is he superhuman or is he Birmingham's Batman?"

Mr. Willie Perry, who called himself Birmingham's Highway Batman, rode through the city searching for those in need of service.

### Brindley in distress

Senior Andy Brindley recently had an encounter with this man. After the Prince concert, Andy and his date returned to the place where his car had been parked, only to find that it had been towed. "I was really mad," Andy says, "a policeman told me it would be 'fine' to park where I did."

Andy and his companion began walking in 20° weather toward City Hall. When their destination was reached, they discovered Andy's car had been taken across town to a garage. While they pondered the problem, Batman arrived on the scene.

### Amused at car

"I was rather amused by the flashing lights and the gawdy accessories, but what really caught my eye was the inside of the car," Andy says.

Mr. Perry customised the car himself. It contained a toaster, phone, home stereo system, floor to ceiling carpet, and two televisions.

### Quite a person

"I'll never forget my experience with Batman, and I was sorry to learn of his death," Andy says.

Mr. Perry died of carbon monoxide poisoning while working on his car five days after he helped Andy. This thoughtful man and his kind deeds were known throughout the nation. He was featured on ABC's "That's Incredible" in 1982.



# Lady Bulldogs end season

Last Tuesday's 43-41 loss to Briarwood ended the basketball season for the Lady Bulldogs.

The 'Dogs closed their regular season with a 6-7 record. The final game of the season was a 44-27 loss to Pelham.

Three players received recognition during tournaments. Senior Carol Paschel was named all-county, while sophomore Meg Perkins and freshman Latrece Gaddis were named to the all-area team.

The team was coached by P.E. teacher Dot Bishop, with the help of Mrs. Sue Wilson as assistant.

# Football team honored -- (Cont.)

interceptions and leading pass receiver), sophomore Slade Blackwell (most pass deflections and most improved defensive back), senior Quinten Chism (outstanding lineman and headhunter), and senior Freeman Rutledge (headhunter and most sacks).

Other players recognized were: junior Sean Roberts, winner of Coaches' Gut Award for the second year; Antonio Devould, Unsung Hero; senior Lonny Layton, outstanding offensive lineman; senior James Lucas, most blocked kicks; senior Ricky Gaddis, Bulldog memories scrapbook; senior Andy Chism, most improved offensive back; junior Norman Payne, most recovered fumbles; sophomore Charles Devinner and senior Bill Devinner, most tackles on kick-offs.

Cheerleaders received Certificates of Participation from sponsor Sally Kornegay.

Several plaques and trophies were given to individuals who actively supported the team--Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gresky (photography); senior Terry Rutledge (student coach); Scotty Neal--MHS '83, Ronnie Holsombeck--MHS '80, and Cindy Holsombeck--MHS '77, statistics); senior Kevin Colley (camera work); Reverend David Hall (team chaplain); and business teacher Susie DeMent (team support in many areas).

Athletic Booster Club president Dot Holsombeck continued presentations, giving each coach a gift, as well as Dr. Joe Brindley, past president of Boosters.



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Thursday, Feb. 14, 1985

## Team to compete

Several MHSers will compete Saturday at Huffman High School in a math contest. A written test and a ciphering competition will be involved in the testing.

There are four levels of competition, and MHS will compete in three: Algebra I, Algebra II, and geometry. The teams are made up of four people with three or more alternates at each level.

Awards will be given to the top ten students based solely on their score on the written exam. Five awards will be given to the top five teams in each level of competition.

Math teacher Doug Morris will select members and coach the team. He has been working with math students on Wednesday afternoons for several weeks in preparation for competition.

## Group places first in bowl

Scholars Bowl team members brought home the championship trophy from the Shelby County Scholars' Bowl Feb. 7. The MHS team, coached by teachers Cathy Bearden and Ann Parker, defeated Shelby County High in the final match of the tournament. Each had won five rounds earlier in the evening's competition.

In an earlier round, SCHS defeated MHS, their only loss of the night, 100-90. Before the finals, Shelby had lost only to Pelham. To earn the finalist spot, MHS had to defeat defending champion Pelham in the seventh round. Montevallo also defeated Calera, Vincent, and Chelsea to win the title.

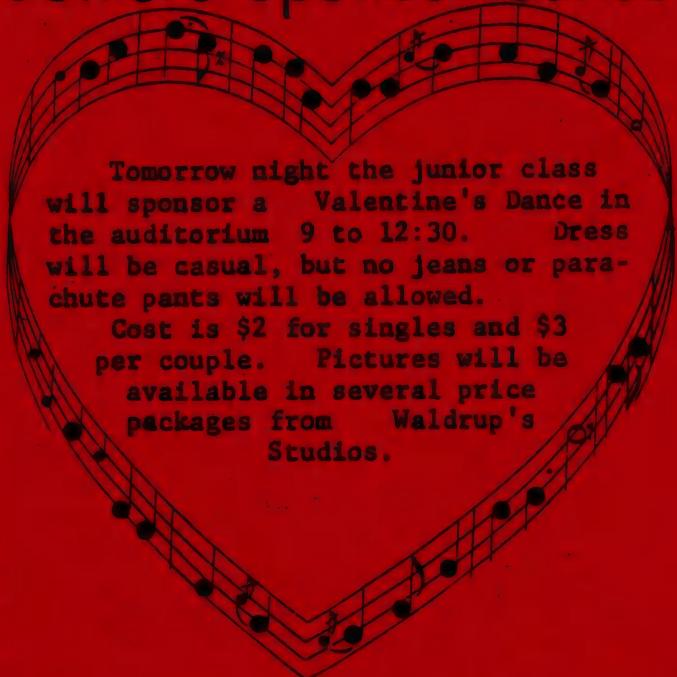
Shelby County High was first runner up, Pelham won third place and Calera and Chelsea tied for fourth.

## Concerned parents to meet

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) will hold an assembly in the auditorium Feb. 19. The meeting will be after homeroom and will last about 30 minutes.

Mrs. Dottie South, speaker, will show a film and discuss the driving problem. Later, she will speak to various classes and answer their questions.

## Juniors sponsor dance



Tomorrow night the junior class will sponsor a Valentine's Dance in the auditorium 9 to 12:30. Dress will be casual, but no jeans or parachute pants will be allowed.

Cost is \$2 for singles and \$3 per couple. Pictures will be available in several price packages from Waldrup's Studios.

## Pupils get applications

Students who are 18 can register to vote Feb. 20 at MHS from 8:30 to 11:30, in the morning.

Qualified voters must be 18 years of age by election day and have a Social Security number. Students who will be 18 by the end of 1985 may still register. Their applications will be held back and processed after the birthday dates.

Two representatives from the Shelby County Board of Registrars will take applications from MHSers and local residents.

# Sophomores return to AVC

Tenth graders who are interested in attending the Shelby County Vocational School will make their second visit to the school in Columbiana today. The entire sophomore class attended the Area Vocational School earlier this year at the end of a Career Unit in teacher Cathy Bearden's English 10 class.

AVC counselors will talk individually with students next month to help them select their classes for their eleventh grade year.



Cupid, the tiny winged fellow on Valentine cards and decorations, receives credit for pairing off many "couples."

Legend says he shoots arrows which cause those shot to fall in love.

He was known by the ancient Romans and Greeks as a God of love who was at some times cruel.

His Greek name was Eros. He forbade his wife, Psyche, to ever see his face, so the two met only in the night time.

Once while Cupid slept, Psyche crept into his bedroom with a lighted candle. She was so astonished by the beauty of her handsome young husband that she dropped some hot wax from the candle on him.

Waking to see his wife looking at him, he vanished. Psyche never saw her handsome husband again.

## A special day

by Taffy Hall

This is the day Cupid's arrow lands--

This is a day lovers walk hand in hand--

This is the day you'll be mine--

Because I want you as my Valentine.



## Special day brings customs

Valentine's Day is celebrated in many ways in different parts of the world. In the United States, people give candy, cards, and flowers to their someone special. British children celebrate the day by singing Valentine' Day songs and receiving gifts of money, fruit, and candy. Housewives of Great Britain bake special Valentine buns which contain plums to give as their gifts.

Italian girls may get up before sunrise to stand by the window. The belief is that the first man to pass a girl's window will become her bridegroom within the year.

In Denmark, some men send a type of Valentine called a sakkebreu, or joking letter. The sender writes an original rhyme but does not sign his name. He uses a code of dots, with one dot representing each letter of his name. If the young lady guesses his identity, he rewards her with an Easter egg the following Easter.

## Area tournament is tonight

Tonight at 6:30, the opening round of the Area 5 basketball tournament begins here in Susie DeMent Gymnasium with third-seeded Oak Grove taking on West Blockton (second ranked). Immediately following, the Bulldogs face top-seeded Briarwood. The championship game will be played Friday night at 7:00, with both participants advancing to sub-state playoffs.

The Bulldogs closed out their regular season with two close matches, losing to Vincent 62-60 in double overtime and to Shelby County 65-64 on a last-second shot.

Against the state-ranked Vincent Yellowjackets on Feb. 5, sophomore Tommy Lee Bivins of MHS led all scorers with 26 points while Tony and Bruce Hamilton paced the opposition with 24 and 22 points respectively.

Bivins led the 'Dogs also against Shelby County with 18 points; Anthony Prentice chipped in 15. David Wood scored a game-high 24 for the Wildcats.

# VALENTINE MESSAGES

Raren,  
We hope thou shalt have a  
jocund day of valentines!  
Q-bopp and Positoes

LR,  
Thanks for always being  
there for me. Remember  
all the fun we had.  
LOVE YA! CP

CB,  
You are a very special  
friend to me. Hope you  
have a great day! LB

L & L,  
You know who you are! Any-  
way, have a Happy Valen-  
tine's Day! C.

Death  
to all  
who oppose us!  
J.B.C.

Happy Valentine's Day to  
Mrs. Craig!  
Love,  
Colleen C.

Beam me up, Scotty!  
P.C.

EV-AN:  
We want your body! You  
stud you!!! Signed,  
WAK on your PACK

CRAZY!!  
Love ya!!  
"Suds"

Love ya, Bulldogs!  
Go get em tonight!  
The Scorekeeper

Dear Bud,  
Happy Valentine's Day!!!  
With love,  
Flipper

Bob,  
You are a very special person  
and I love you very  
much!!! Carla

John Mayhall:  
You know our love is true.  
No one is hairier than you.  
I want to have your little  
hairball, too!!!  
Love,  
The goat in your backyard.

Rhonda,  
I just wanted to wish my  
very best friend a Happy  
Valentine's Day!!!  
Lisa

Dear Syrup,  
I like that body. I want  
that body!!!  
Squink and Positoes

We would naturally like to  
hope this day is very mean-  
ingful to you, and obviously  
we would like to express  
our sincere love and appre-  
ciation to all our fellow  
students.

Sincerely,  
THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG

SENIORS:  
My best wishes for your fu-  
ture and thanks for all the  
firsts you contributed,  
kids!!!

(Mr. Payne)

To: Shannon, Rhonda, Tonya,  
Jeanice, and Dale:  
Here's to the sweetest  
nieces, nephew, and son.  
Happy Valentine's Day!!!  
I LOVE YOU!!!

Mother and Aunt Joe

DeAnna,  
Little secrets, little  
smiles, and hugs. I miss  
them!!! Love, Scott

Kevin,  
You're my life, my love,  
my everything! I LOVE YOU!  
Janine

John Mayhall:  
You're so fine you blow my  
mind!!!!  
Admiringly yours,  
???????

To: SE, CA, MP, KC, SR, &  
MH; Thanks for the memori-  
es!!! Love, MT

Dearest "Fern":  
Just a little note to tell  
you how much our friend-  
ship means to me.  
LET'S GO!

HO IN TH WA GA,  
Mind your own business!  
OR ELSE!!!!  
CM and SNORT

TO KEVIN: You are the sun-  
shine of my life. I will  
always love you. Be Mine!  
Love, Melody

George:  
Just wanted to say,  
I LOVE YOU!!!!

From: VJ

# VALENTINE MESSAGES

BETH: You are a special friend to have around! Happy V-Day! Love ya! LB	Mark, I LOVE YOU! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Sharmon	Baird, You are very SPECIAL to me. Happy Valentine's Day!! Love, Rina
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, Tommy Layton! I LOVE YOU!! Love, LM	Glenda, Thanks for being a great sister!! Have a happy Valentine's Day. Lisa	Laura, A very special person in a very special way. Let's hope things work out! Sean
CP, Thanks for being a super-great friend! Happy Valentine's Day! Love ya, girl! LR	Clint, Words can't express my feelings for you. Your love makes EACH day as special as Valentine's Day. I LOVE YOU with ALL my heart!! Forever yours, Scarlett	To: Snort and CM: We make it our business and we don't ride any more tractors. THITWG
To Scott P: You're a very special person! Thanks for being you! ??????	BOO: Let's continue our BULL sessions on the front steps! PAB	ALABAMA 17 AUBURN 15
Darryl Scott: I'll LOVE you FOREVER and a day! DeeDee	Terry, Listen to my heart; hear what it says. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. I love you. Cynthia	Jerome: I wrote this line to say you are thought of on this special day. I LOVE YOU ALWAYS. Vanessa
Kara, Steph, Amy, Meg, Marsha and Sheila: Happy V'Day! Love, Cathy	To James: I LOVE YOU!!! Let's pretend we're married. Lisa	MHS will never forget the great football season, scholar's bowl championship, and other things to come. (Mr. Payne)
DANNY & CHRIS: Have a Happy Valentine's Day, SWEETIES! Love, Christie	Ann, Missy, Ty: Three of the GREATEST girls I know. Thanks for the great times! Love, Maia	Pam, Carrie, & Lisa: Yall have been great friends and I'll never forget ya. Pat
I love you Spanky, Porky, and Buckwheat! Sisters forever!! Guess Who?	KEITH: Thanks for the love and happiness you've brought into my life. Please don't ever forget how much you mean to me. I'll love you until the end of time. All my love, Cathy "You know our love was meant to be...the kind of love to last forever!"	TA, BB, PA, BT, LP, SR: The best friends a girl could ever have! Tender Roni
Jack and Jill went up the hill, both with a buck and a quarter; Jill came down with two-fifty.	Randy: You have made my life so special, just by being you!! I LOVE YOU so much! Happy Valentine's Day. Michele	7 D Too Tuff, Real Lad, Sho' Nuff, he's bad. Hearts to you. Break Mate
Paula, It's been fun for you and me but there will be more fun where that came from. For in the future we will see, it'll be even greater when we are FREE!! Love, Jen	Feliz dia de amor. Tengan mucha felicidad hoy y todos dias. Vamos a sobrevivir! De La Bruja	Michele: Thanks for being there when I needed you most. Love ya, Angie
Doug C: I will always love you!! Anonymous, ???????	Randy: You have made my life so special, just by being you!! I LOVE YOU so much! Happy Valentine's Day. Michele	Just a little note to say I LOVE U Orlando S. Happy Valentine's Day. Belinda T.
Come on baby, where's your guns?		Happy Valentine's Day to Miss Delient!!!!!! Colleen C.



# SPOTLIGHT

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LOOK AT THIS!

Soloists Barry Allen and Lori Rovelstad and director Jim Weese admire the trophy which the band earned at district competition.

## School to get sidewalk

Plans are now underway for constructing a covered walkway for MHS. This addition will provide protection for students going to lunch in the Alice Boyd Building.

Superintendent Ellie Glasscox met with senior class president Andy Brindley and Principal Norman Payne to discuss the preparations for the remodeling of the walkway. Blueprints have been drawn up for the project by Mr. Norvin Turner, father of freshman Jason Turner.

Mr. Robert B. Hughes, Jr., of Hughes Building Co., gave an estimate for the materials needed. After the basic improvement by the Shelby County Board of Education, some additional touches such as a brick retainer wall, shrubs and lattice work will be provided by the senior class.

Seniors received donations from various individuals and plan to seek others for the additional beautification.

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From district judges

## Bond rates top score

While attending district competition at Shades Valley High School, the symphonic band earned three superior ratings. This year is the fifteenth consecutive time the group has received the recommendation to attend state contest.

Only four of the seventeen participating bands passed through district with approval for state competition. Montevallo was the only Class CC band to receive superior ratings.

On Apr. 6 the band will attend the annual University of Montevallo contest in Palmer Auditorium.

## UM to provide course

Students have the opportunity to take a computer literacy course at the University of Montevallo.

According to MHS Principal Norman Payne, the course which will be taught by Mr. Bob Lightfoot will begin Monday. The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. The fee for the course is \$20.

The class can have no more than 20 pupils but must have at least 10 registered before it can begin.

## Weather eliminates holidays

MHSers will now attend school on Apr. 5, May 10 and May 30. Superintendent Ellie Glasscox and the Shelby County Board of Education decided these days will be used to make up the classes missed on Jan. 21 and 22 and Feb. 12 due to the weather.

Apr. 15 and May 10 were built into the schedule as "inclement weather days" which would have been holidays if no snowy condition had developed. May 30 is an extra day added to meet the state requirement of 175 days. Graduation will be that same night. Teachers will work May 31.

## Scholars secure supremacy

Several math team members earned honors Mar. 5 at the George C. Wallace State Community College Math Tournament in Selma.

In the individual competition, Montevallo Middle School's 8th grader Kerri Meline placed first in Algebra I, with freshman Tanya Rovelstad second. Sophomore Lisa Lawley received third place in geometry, while middle school students Ky MacPherson and Steve Milstead ranked first and second respectively in the Algebra II division.

Montevallo had two teams recognized for excellent scores. Group A members sophomore John Hardin, Kerry Meline, and Ky MacPherson were awarded first-place plaques. Middle school student Angie Gerber, Lisa Lawley, and Steve Milstead of Squad B won second honors.

Six hundred seventeen students from 38 schools participated in the annual tournament.

## Students tell of experiences

Senior Fran Agee, John Bolling, Scarlett Harrison, and Bert Lott recently visited MMS to conclude an 8th grade unit on positive growth and development.

Major topics of discussion were academics, athletics, leadership, and communication. Guidelines of how to be successful and enjoy high school were also mentioned.

"I enjoyed sharing advice with them about what to expect from high school and helping with some of the problems they might encounter," notes John.

### Walkway -- (Cont.)

Work has not yet begun on the project which will include raising the sidewalk for drainage and widening the walkway to accommodate more students. The walkway will begin at the front entrance and extend to the lunchroom.

## PTO holds show audition

On Apr. 13 the PTO will hold its annual variety show in the Montevallo High School auditorium.

Students who registered Mar. 4-7 will be contacted for an audition date soon. A \$5 fee per act must be paid at the audition.

Acts are limited to five minutes, and participants must be MES, MMS, or MHS students. Acts must provide their own accompaniments. Adults may serve as accompanists.

## Spring play cast chosen

The Drama Club, with Mrs. Barbara Belisle as sponsor, will present Strange Boarders by George Batson and Jack Kirkland Thursday, May 16. The main characters will be portrayed by juniors Cynthia Pickett (Cordelia Tuttle), Stann Mahan (Candy Fenway), and Riley Duren (Lon Daggett).

Supporting roles will be played by Dean Alexander, Ralph Burke, Jon Carter, Jay Edwards, Cheryl Graffo, Bert Lott, Reggie Mann, Darla Rich, Lori Rovelstad, Cecilia Rutledge, Belinda Tripp, and Jim Turner.

## Donors send mice to school

Approximately \$60 was collected from MHS students and faculty members for American Cancer Society's "Send a Mouse to College" program Mar. 1-4. Seniors Andy Brindley and Trey Hughes collected the donations each day in the lunchroom.

"The participation of Montevallo High along with other county schools, including Montevallo Middle, will certainly be a great help to our cause," notes Shelby County chapter president Dr. Syble Brindley.

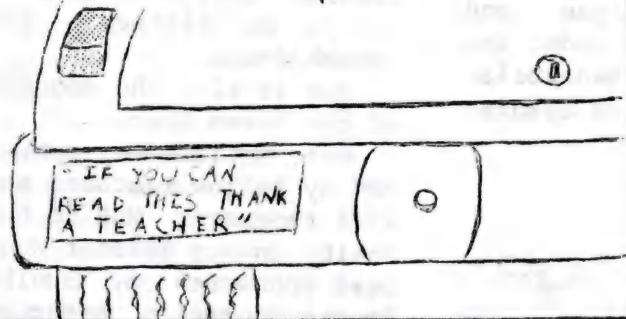
## ACT diskettes ready to use

New computer software is available in the library. The diskettes which will instruct students on how to make the best score possible on the ACT, are borrowed from the University of Montevallo.

Any student wishing to use the material should sign up in the library with Mrs. Heidi Ross.

# EDITORIALS

## Faculty merits praise



## '85 Bulldogs exhibit spirit

No sooner than the cheers subsided for a fantastic finish in football, here go those 'Dogs again with the roundball. For a memorable season, let's give the boys a hand! Let's hear it for the Coach!

After a horrendous start and facing a schedule of opponents with perhaps their best teams in years, the Bulldogs could have played dead. But they never gave up. They just kept fighting back, hanging in there like the tenacious old 'Dogs they are, under the die-hard leadership of Coach Bobby Pierson--sometimes without much fan support.

Disappointment, yes. Give up, no. One more time, then, "Let's hear it for the Guys!" Give those 'Dogs a hand!" (Johnnie McClain, Asst. Principal)

## Pupils urged to concentrate

With spring's arrival, many MHSers will acquire "spring fever." When the malady hits, students want to stay outside, grades drop, and study habits suffer.

To avoid this condition, a person should not spend all his time lying in the sun, playing with frisbees, or riding in convertibles.

Pupils should be sure to schedule some of their time for studying and not allow "getting suntans" to become their main goal for this season.

## Thanks told to staff

HAVE YOU SEEN the bumper sticker that says, "If you can read this, thank a teacher"? Everyday, teachers go to school with a primary objective of enriching students' lives. Their goal is to educate students so that they will be productive members in today's society.

Far too often, we as students take our teachers for granted. We forget why we are at school and why teachers give us things to do. We do not realize that the monotonous, tedious tasks associated with school not only get students down but also their instructors.

On Mar. 8, the National Honor Society provided coffee, cookies, and punch for the teachers.

The goodies were placed in the lounge so it could serve as a haven for the faculty throughout the day which was designated as Teacher Appreciation Day. Now that the day has come and gone, MHSers should not let our appreciation die.

Students can remember the important role that the teachers play in our lives both today and tomorrow; and above all, remember that if it were not for a teacher, you could not even read what is written here.

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## Closs resumes studies

During the last week of February, Spanish II students returned to the college for their second semester of study. This class, which meets sixth period, studies conversational Spanish under adviser Charlotte Blackmon.

Mrs. Blackmon is assisted by two college students: Mike Beers (MHS, '78) and David Zavadal.

Last semester, the class worked on dialogue and improving their understanding of verb usage under the direction of Miss Marinella Villarel from Venezuela. This term, the class plans to perfect speaking Spanish in normal conversations.

Cost is \$20 a month.

## Lawyer discusses marriage

Wednesday, Feb. 27, Lawyer James Standridge visited MHS's family living classes. Mr. Standridge spoke on marriage customs and laws. He spoke in detail on legal grounds for divorce.

He also explained the common law of marriage which is: Once two have appeared in public as husband and wife, they are married. The marriage is not officially ended until they go through a legal divorce process.

One of the classes held a mock wedding recently, and the other group is planning one according to teacher Junnie Craig.

## Students name tarantula

Zarpod was the name chosen for the tarantula in the biology lab. Before the holidays, a committee chosen by teacher Carol Czerw picked the title as the best suited and most original for the tarantula. Students had listed suggestions earlier.

The winning name was submitted by junior Jeff Smitherman and sophomore Jimmy Curl.

In addition to Zarpod, biology students can also observe a larger tarantula in the lab. Sophomore Eric Rochester brought Arthur Luce Klein to keep the young Zarpod company.



## Prom plans get underway

Junior class committees have started planning for the Junior-Senior prom scheduled for May 11.

The Regis Inn, located near Oxmoor exit on I-65 is host for the prom this year. Regency, the band that performed for last year's dance, was selected again according to junior Tyhease Shamburger for the group had "several different styles of music and everyone who attended the prom really enjoyed the music."

## Mrs. Belisle earns honor

Teacher of the Year at Montevallo High is Mrs. Barbara Belisle. Mrs. Belisle instructs several classes including English 11, U. S. history, and speech/drama.

She is also the sponsor of the Drama Club.

Mrs. Belisle was nominated by fellow teachers and will represent MHS in the Shelby County Teacher Contest sponsored by Shelby County education Association.

Nominees from all the county's schools will be honored at a banquet tentatively set for Apr. 19.

In addition to the Teacher of the Year Award, other awards will be presented for community service, media coverage, etc.

MHS typing teacher Susie DeMent was the first to be named County Teacher of the Year in the contest last year.

## Biology classes study ocean perch

General biology classes dissected freshwater perch last week. As a part of the unit, the students prepared fried fish and French fries.

The purpose of this was to taste the first cousin of the fish they were studying, ocean perch.

Biology teacher Carol Czerw comments, "How Mike Shotts dissected a French fry and found a brain, I'll never understand."



Big and loose

# Spring brings new styles

by Angie Allen

With each season comes a fashion change. This spring the two important words in style are BIG and BOLD, and this pertains to every aspect. According to fashion coordinators, bright yellow, hot pink, and navy blue will all be popular shades.

Prints will also be "in" this year. Anything from Hawaiian themes to clothes that "talk" are going to be stylish. Last year's tight-legged crop pants have been enlarged to wide legs, and baggy boxer style shorts will be fashionable.

Earrings, necklaces, and belts will all be displayed in bright shades and will be even larger than they were last year.

## Students select report topics

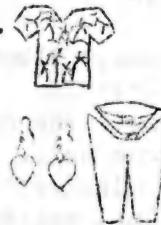
Teacher Delilah Robinson's Spanish class is working on research papers which are due Apr. 18. A variety of topics were available.

In preparation for the paper, bibliography cards, note cards, and a rough draft must be turned in before the paper is completed. Students will also do projects pertaining to the topics they choose for their research.

## Class studies metrics

As a part of a unit on the metric system, general math teacher Johnye Horton assigned his students papers to write.

Students are required to report on the history of this international system, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of the United States converting from the standard system to metric.



## Annuals sold

The '85 MONTALA is still on sale in the library. Librarian Heidi Ross ordered 215 yearbooks, and there are 50 more available.

"The sale is going just great, and this yearbook is better than the ones of the past two years," says Mrs. Ross.

Cost of a book is \$15.

## Money aids Miss Liberty

Montevallo High Schoolers will have a chance to contribute money toward the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.



Almost a century of corrosion has eaten away at the iron framework causing 230 million dollars worth of damage.

The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission is asking every American business and every American citizen to join in raising the funds. Schools all over the country are giving donations to help pay for the restoration of the statue.

MHSers who are interested in helping can give donations to history teacher Barbara Henderson.

## Audra chosen AQHA queen

Junior Audra Clark was named Alabama's Junior Rodeo Queen March 13. Her selection was based on her tryouts which included a luncheon, several interviews, and a performance of an American Quarter Horse Association approved reining pattern.

Judges rated her on appearance, personality, and horsemanship.

As Junior Queen, Audra received a crown, a white and green embroidered banner bearing her title, a pair of Justin boots, and a satin jacket. Her queenly duties included riding her stallion Thee Gay Bar in the rest of the rodeo's performances during the week and attending other rodeos to help promote the Alabama Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

"I got to meet some of the most famous rodeo cowboys in the nation, and the rodeo clowns were a lot of fun," notes Audra. Parents of the young horsewoman are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark of Brierfield.

# Orange conquers Blue

Quarterback Slade Blackwell rushed for 136 yards on 3 carries and tallied 2 touchdowns as he led the Orange to a 12-0 victory over the Blue in the annual spring training intrasquad game Mar. 4.

On the second play of the game, Blackwell swept right and raced 66 yards for the first TD. After dominating defensive play by both teams, the Orange scored again just minutes into the second half, following a Blue fumble on their 32-yd. line. Blackwell bulled over from 6 yards out to register the final points.

In addition to Blackwell's 136 yards, Eric McCord totaled 24 yards in 6 carries and Sean Roberts had 22 yards in 3 attempts for the Orange.

Demetrius Paschel charted 45 yards in 10 carries, while Sam Carter contributed 42 yards in 13 carries as Blue leaders.

Blue quarterback Heath Galloway completed 3 of 7 passes, all to Mark Gilbert, for a total of 52 yards. Danny Fancher led the Orange defense with 18 points; Charles Devinner carried the Blue defenders with 15.

In a special quarter for younger and inexperienced players, the Orange defeated the Blue 6-0 with only one offensive play from the line of scrimmage. Albert Miller rambled 79 yards for the score. (Trey Hughes)

## Bulldog Growls

### 'Plan' outlaws early starts

by Andy Brindley

Until now, athletic teams in Alabama have been excused early from school in order to reach other schools and to compete before dark, but due to State Superintendent of Education Wayne Teague's "Plan for Excellence," this has been eliminated. This causes a predicament for many state schools including Montevallo High.

Baseball and golf teams have exercised this privilege to miss afternoon classes in past years so that important area baseball games in parks with no lights and golf tournaments which take up to six hours to complete could be played.

This season, adequate time will not be available for the baseball team to leave directly after school and complete area games in Oak Grove and West Blocton, neither of which have baseball lights, before dark overtakes them. The same will be true for the golf team in their sectional tournament.

The "Plan for Excellence" has made many positive gains for education; but in the interest of total education, the before-mentioned situation should be reviewed.



## In basketball

### County teams reach state

Vincent was named sub-state 3A basketball champion after the Yellowjackets defeated MHS 58-56 in the tournament at the University of Montevallo.

The 'Jackets traveled to Tuscaloosa for state play where they were defeated by East Limestone in the first round.

Another Shelby County school's hope of a state title was shattered when the Calera Eagles lost to St. Jude in the second round of 2A state play at the University of Alabama.

### 24 prepare for track meets

Six meets are listed on MHS's track schedule for this season. They are:

- Mar. 30 Briarwood
- Apr. 6 Troy, Montgomery
- 13 Briarwood Relays
- 20 Florence, Mobile, Montgomery
- 23 Shelby Co. Meet
- 26 Sectionals

Fourteen returning MHS team members and 10 newcomers are joined by six from MMS to complete the squad which is directed by Coach Sammy Skinner.

### Hat sale ends

Today is the last day to order baseball caps. Cost is \$5 for the orange hat which sports a blue M on a white background.

Baseball coach Johnye Horton will take orders until 3:05 today.

# 'Dogs dropped in jamboree

by Andy Brindley

Getting on track proved impossible for the Bulldogs as the Warriors derailed them 20-0 in the Spring Jamboree Mar. 7 at Thompson. Even though they received an early break as junior Charles Towner recovered a Warrior fumble on the kick-off on Thompson's 33-yd. line, the Bulldogs could not convert and were turned away at the 10-yd. line.

Thompson quarterback Shane Horrell then led his team 90 yards with passes of 43 yards to Clarence Carter and 31 yards to Dana Washington for the 6 points. Sophomore Horrell, who was a perfect 6 for 6 (passing) with 114 yards on the night, then hit J.S. Stanbridge for the 2-point conversion.

### Another pass, another TD

The rest of the game was all Thompson's as the Warriors rolled past the 'Dogs. Another touchdown was added in the first quarter on a 6-yd. toss from Horrell to Kevin Duke and a second quarter score came on a 2-yd. burst by Demetrius Gaiters.

### B's brighten picture

Montevallo's B team faired better in the second game of the night as they played to a 6-6 tie with Thompson. Eighth grader Albert Miller grabbed an early lead for the 'Dogs as he sprinted 26 yards around left end for a touchdown. The Warriors answered with a TD on the next possession to even the count and end the scoring.

Miller, MHS's fastest timed football player in the 40-yd. dash, provided the brightest offensive spot for the B-teamers as he gained 52 yards on 6 carries with one touchdown. Freshman Jerry Brasher headed defense with 2 solo tackles and 2 assists.

## 6 named as twirlers

Six girls were selected for the 1985-86 majorette squad after a week-long clinic.

The new twirlers are juniors Michelle Creel and Anita Bice, sophomores Lisa Lawley and Amy Bice and freshmen Genie Lightfoot and Kristie Pate.

According to sponsor Heidi Ross, the majorettes will soon be holding a fundraiser to pay for summer clinic in Auburn.

## New cheerleaders selected

After weeks of hard work, the 1985-86 cheerleaders have been chosen. The list includes juniors Laura Arnold, Karla Hawks, Taffy Hall, and Wanda Sloan, and sophomores Michele Hall, Kara Child, and Cathy Anderson. This squad, chosen March 8, will be guided by sponsor Carol Czerw.

## Girls attend special camp

Two senior volleyball players, Carol Paschel and Judith Towner, attended a scouting camp at Alabama State University Mar. 1-2.

They practiced with the University's volleyball team at Lockhart Gym.

Judith says, "It was a great experience to work with a higher quality team," while Carol notes, "The team had a lot of talent, and the coach was very nice and ambitious. He had a positive outlook toward his team as well as toward winning."

Both Carol and Judith enjoyed the camp but both are still considering other schools for their college careers.

## Bulldogs sport new uniforms

When the Bulldogs took to the diamond for the opening pitch of the 1985 baseball season Tuesday night, the appearance of the team was quite different from that of past years.

The team was sporting new uniforms, funded by donations from Booster Club, team members, and various individuals.

The pants, purchased by the Boosters, are blue with white trim.

Jersies, purchased by team members or donated by local fans are white with orange and blue lettering.

At a special opening-game ceremony, Booster Club President Dot Holzomeck threw out the first pitch.

# Dogs open season with win

Coming off their 6-5 opening season victory over the defending state champion Vincent Yellowjackets, the Bulldogs' baseball team lay their 1-0 record on the line today as they travel to Pelham to take on the 5A Panthers at 3:30. Sophomore Kevin Lucas is scheduled to get his first start as a Montevallo pitcher.

In the win over Vincent Tuesday night, senior Freeman Rutledge singled in Anthony Prentice with 2 out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning to break up a 5-5 tie.

Rutledge was winning pitcher as he hurled 7 innings, gave up 5 runs on 4 hits, and struck out 5.

Leading performers at the plate for the Bulldogs were Andy Anderson (single, scored 2 runs), Johnny Holzombeck (double, 1 RBI), Doug Patrick (single, 1 RBI) and Rutledge (single, 1 RBI).

## Farmers get state honors

Seniors Troy Dennis and Trey Hughes and juniors Jonathan Bates, Ralph Burke, Audra Clark, Karla Hawks, and Norman Payne have obtained their State Farmer degrees.

To qualify members have to have completed two years of ag, show top development in supervised occupational experience and work experience programs, obtained the Chapter Farmer Degree, played a major role in the development of the FFA, and demonstrate a workable knowledge of the organization.

## Countdown begins

Excitement is building throughout MHS. The students can look forward to sun, fun, and relaxation soon, because the end of school is near.

There are only 49 days of school left after today is completed.

March 30 is the final day for students; teachers work on March 31.

## UM offers team trophy

Shelby County baseball players will be on hand tonight at the University of Montevallo Classic baseball tournament.

A contest sponsored by UM admits players free when they are wearing their ball caps. The high school with the most players attending will receive a trophy.

Wednesday night was MHS night at the Classic. MHSers could attend two games free that night.

Similar nights were offered for students at the Montevallo Middle and Elementary Schools.

## Classes set

Plans for summer school in Shelby County are now being made. Two schools will host the sessions.

Classes will be held at Thompson and Pelham.

Dates, hours, and costs will be announced later.

## Shirts offered

Band T shirts are on sale in the office. These shirts are white with blue trim and orange lettering.

Montevallo Troubadours is printed around a band crest.

The price is \$3.50. The sale will last until all shirts have been sold.

All profits will go to the band fund.

## Warmer season arrives

by Laura Arnold

Wednesday at 10:14 a.m., spring officially began. March 20 was one of the two days in the year when the center of the sun is directly over the equator. This occurrence is known as the vernal equinox and ushers in spring. Another occurs when autumn arrives. The word equinox means equal night, which is fitting, because at the time of an equinox, the night and day are the same length. Wednesday both the day and night held 12 hours and 8 minutes.

With the arrival of higher temperatures and more daylight hours, nature awakens, producing green budding plants, blooming flowers, chirping birds, and buzzing insects.

The dramatic change from winter makes springtime the favorite time of the year for many.



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## Printouts planned for fall

Computers will now be used to make master schedules and student schedules for all high schools in Shelby County beginning with the 1985-86 school year.

A list of course names and numbers from the county's schools has been given a common name and listed by a computer. Each high school will soon select the course numbers of offered subjects and give these back to the computer. A new list of subjects will then be made for each student.

The pupils will choose from the list of courses and will write the course number on special cards for use in the computer. According to Counselor Colleen Colley this should be done sometime this month.

These cards will be given to the computer which will produce a master schedule to coincide with students' schedules.

## Band to perform at UM contest

Tomorrow the symphonic band will compete in the annual University of Montevallo contest. The band will be performing their superior-rated program from district contest under direction of Mr. Jim Weese.

Montevallo High School has been named class winners each year the Troubadours have competed, and in 1977 and 1979 the group was overall winner of the contest.

Fifty-one state medals were awarded to individual MHS musicians at Alabama Solo/Ensemble Contest at University of Alabama-Birmingham last week.

Every band member from Montevallo who competed at the UAB event took the top honor.



### TRIG OR SPANISH?

Junior Sean Roberts and sophomore Kara Child discuss possibilities of next year's schedule with Counselor Colleen Colley.

## Scholars rank in competition

Winning five rounds, losing three, and tying one, Montevallo's Scholar's Bowl team earned fourth place at a competition on Mar. 22 at Jefferson State Junior College.

Participating team members were seniors Bert Lott and Jim Turner and sophomores James Acker and Lisa Lawley.

Freshman Mike Mieure and 10th grader Daniel Potter alternated in one round each in the contest with nine other schools.

Sponsor Ann Parker commented, "They started slow but were really doing well

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## 6 weeks closes

Next Friday will end the 2nd six weeks of this semester. Report cards will be issued the following week.

The last six weeks of this year will begin Apr. 15 and will continue until May 30, with graduation set for that night.

Teachers will return to school the following day to complete records and reports.

## Computer class underway

Looking inside an Apple II, one will see small boxes containing the computer's central processing unit (CPU), READ ONLY MEMORY (ROM), and many other devices that make the computer work. These things were viewed by twenty MHSers who are taking a computer literacy course at UM at their first course last week.

In addition to learning parts of the Apple and how they work, the students also programmed their diskettes with "hello" messages that identified to whom the disk belonged. These messages ranged from "This is John's disk; if you touch this and you're not John, you will die!" (John Hardin, sophomore) to "This is Jennifer's disk. Just leave it alone unless you're male, single, and good looking!" (Jennifer Wilder, senior)

Instructor Bob Lightfoot explained to the class that they will be learning how to correctly use the computer, borrow programs from other diskettes, design their own programs, and learn to use various peripherals of a computer. The class meets twice a week after school.

## Brierfield battle relived

Spectators at the Brierfield Park last Sunday observed a live reenactment of the Civil War battle between the Union forces of General Wilson and Confederate forces of Nathan Bedford Forrest which destroyed the Brierfield Ironworks in 1865.

The performance, conducted as a joint effort between the 4th Alabama Cavalry and the ironworks park, was to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the battle. Several regiments throughout the southeast as well as MHS senior Kevin Colley, junior Jonathan Grimes, and sophomore David Grimes assisted with the event.

Cast members wore authentic Union and Confederate uniforms and formed troops of cavalry and infantry. Artillery included black-powder rifles, cannons, and mortars. Old style campsites were open to spectators for viewing on Saturday and Sunday.

### It's News Downtown

## Art sessions offered

Art classes are available in Montevallo for students from kindergarten age through 12th grade. The program began Apr. 2. Instructor is Mrs. Sylvia Hudson, a graduate of Parsons School of Design, New York.

Some classes offered are arts and crafts, drawing, embroidery, and needlepoint. The sessions will take place after school at Montevallo Elementary School.

For more information, call 665-7715.

## UM students teach reading

Teacher Cathy Bearden's 5th period English class has had small group instruction three times this semester.

Dr. Terry Roberson's Field Lab III, Education 412, from the University of Montevallo taught the 10th graders reading skills.

This practice gave the potential teachers a chance to prepare and implement lesson plans.

"The sessions were beneficial for both UM students and my 10th graders who had the most individualized attention they've had all year," comments Mrs. Bearden.

Next year Mrs. Bearden and Dr. Roberson plan to extend the program so the reading instruction will complement sophomore literature studies.

## Parents twist

On Mar. 30 an adult sock hop was held by Montevallo PTO in the MHS auditorium. Music from the 40's, 50's, and 60's was played on a jukebox.

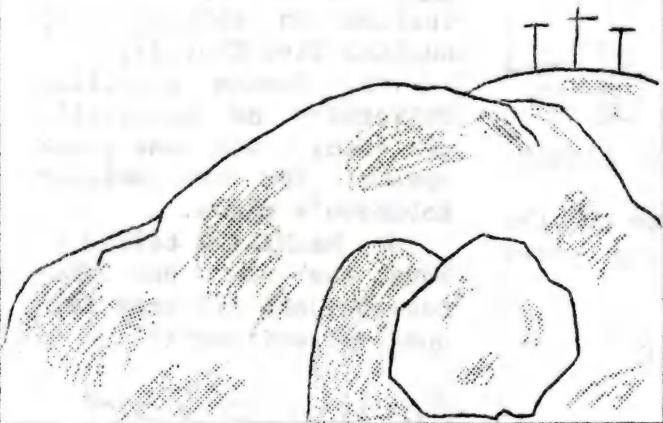
Posters of famous singers and other decorations from the past decades were used. Various contests were held during the dance. Approximately \$600 was added to the PTO fund.

Scholars rate --(Cont.) as they finished.

First place went to Shades Valley High, followed by Oneonta High and Pelham High in second and third places.

# EDITORIALS

He arose!



## Group effort brings SUCCESS

Last Saturday's PTO high school reunion dance would not have been a success without the donations of various people, businesses, and companies.

Mr. Walt Czeskleba of Czeskleba TV and Repair donated an old 1940's jukebox for the music, and Food World in Pelham, Wal-Mart in Alabaster, and K-Mart in Pelham provided streamers and other decorations for the event. Junior Audra Clark and many other students helped draw, locate, and hang decorations.

In addition, the Coca Cola Company supplied 240 servings of Coke for the dance. Varsity cheerleaders served by being chaperones, and Student Council president Kevin Colley and SC vice president Jonathan Grimes were ushers.

Teacher Carol Czerw headed the decoration committee which transformed the auditorium to an earlier decade.

Donations of time, effort, and items helped PTO members raise funds which will be used for all three of Montevallo's schools.

## Meaning recalled

Spring has arrived once again bringing Easter near. Some of the things that are included in this holiday are egg hunts, stuffed rabbits, candy, and surprises.

Most importantly, Easter is the most joyful day

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## Loan helps students

We at MHS are very fortunate that the University of Montevallo is nearby and that they "share" so much with MHS. Due to UM's generosity, MHSers now have an extra advantage in preparing to take the American College Test (ACT). A series of computer diskettes that are produced by Krell Software Corporation are on loan to Montevallo High from UM.

Students can now schedule computer time in the library to prepare for the ACT with the new software.

This series of diskettes covers a wide range of categories. There are programs that ask questions about chemistry, physics, history, biology, mathematics, and many other subjects.

The student is told his or her score at the end.

Students do not need extensive knowledge to use the disks. The programs tell step by step what to do. An instruction manual is also provided to aid the user.

This loan from UM can help MHSers get ready for this important exam. We appreciate UM making this software available.

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## Typists compete in contest

Students enrolled in Miss Susie Dement's Typing I and II classes are now participating in the annual typing contest which began Mar. 25 and is set to continue through Apr. 9.

To qualify, typing students must have a minimum of five timed writings containing no more than three errors each, within the two-week period. Each student's top three timings will be averaged for a score.

Awards for the most words per minute will go to the 1st and 2nd place boy and girl of the beginning class and to the top typist in the advanced class.



## Authors prepare papers

Two classes are becoming writers.

Advanced English 10 under direction of Mrs. Cathy Bearden are completing biographies of older Americans today. They interviewed and compiled a biography about a person born before 1920. They could use any one of the styles of recording the life of another studied in class.

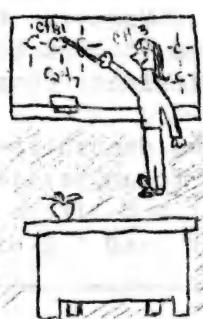
Seniors in college prep English instructed by Mrs. Delilah Robinson are now beginning their journals. With the daily journals, they will complete several assignments designed to improve creativity in writing according to Mrs. Robinson.

## Pupils instruct classmates

Students are teaching Mrs. Joanna McGaughy's 2nd period science class.

To add a little variety to the daily routine, Mrs. McGaughy decided to let the students each take a section of the text and explain it to the class. In addition, she hopes that this will help get students interested in science.

Mrs. McGaughy comments, "I can only do this with my 2nd period class because all the other classes are too large for this type of activity."



## Family living class gets practice teacher

Student teacher Pat Clements will be teaching basic foods and family living classes in the home economics department until May 10. She is a returning student at the University of Montevallo.

Mrs. Clements resides with her husband Harold and two children, Carey, 9, and Nikki, 13, in Thorsby. She is working under the direction of MHS home economics teacher Junnie Craig.

## Milton expert visits seniors

John Milton's Paradise Lost was the topic of discussion in college prep English last Thursday.

Dr. Norman MacMillan, University of Montevallo professor, was the guest speaker for Mrs. Delilah Robinson's class.

Dr. MacMillan talked about the work and discussed John Milton's reasons for writing it.

## Marriage held

First period family living class held a mock wedding and reception Mar. 22, which featured senior Lisa Devinner as the bride and junior Charles Fisher as the groom.

Junior Frank Fowler acted as the preacher while several other class members took roles as flower girl, ring bearers, bridesmaids, and parents.

Driver education students were guests at the ceremony held in the home ec department.

Mrs. Linda Booth, a resource person provided the catering and spoke on the wedding, wedding preparations, and receptions.

## Students give 'life'

MHS's blood drive this year was held Apr. 2 in the auditorium. The drive was under the sponsorship of the Red Cross.

Sixty-five MHS students and faculty donated, and vocational students enrolled in health careers class at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center assisted with the drive.

# Easter creates excitement

by Jennifer Wilder

Upon awakening Easter Sunday, children rush downstairs to find their Easter baskets full of chocolate bunnies, marshmallow chicks, and jelly bean eggs. After checking out these baskets, the kids scramble around the house to find the eggs they dyed the night before. Full of curiosity, these toddlers ask, "Who brings the baskets and hides the eggs?" "Why, the Easter bunny does," exclaim mothers around the globe.

Many children do indeed believe that an Easter bunny hides their Easter eggs. This belief probably comes from Germany. One legend says that a poor woman dyed some eggs during a famine and hid them in a nest as an Easter present for her children. Just as the kids discovered the nest, a big rabbit leaped away. The story spread that the rabbit had brought the Easter eggs.

In ancient Egypt, the rabbit symbolized birth and new life. Some ancient people considered it a symbol of the moon. It may later have become an Easter symbol because the moon determines the date of Easter.



## Meaning -- (Cont.)

of the year for Christians --the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the grave.

During the winter, the earth seems to be in a dead or sleeping state. But as the cold gives way to spring, there comes a renewal and rebirth to living things.

Hibernating animals awaken and dormant plants blossom once more just as Christ lives again.

The glory of Easter is especially seen in the flowering dogwood whose four petals symbolize the cross, and its red center is symbolic of the blood Christ shed for the sins of mankind.

At this time of year, all nature seems to rejoice in Jesus' victory over the grave. Just as spring will eternally come to bring Easter and new life, we should always honor Christ and His gift of everlasting life.

## Ancient customs continued

by Angie Allen

Have you ever wondered why eggs are a part of Easter decorations and fun? During ancient times, eggs symbolized new life. Early Christians of Mesopotamia colored eggs red to represent the joy of the resurrection.

In England, friends often wrote messages and dates on the eggs they exchanged. During the 1800's, elaborate candy eggs with a window in one end and tiny scenes inside were popular.

Today children look for brightly colored eggs that are hidden by the Easter bunny. They also receive chocolate and jelly bean eggs as presents.

## Health class studies diabetes

Diabetes was the topic in health class Mar. 22. Sophomore Michelle Salter, who found out she had the disease at age 15, talked to the class about it.

She explained the things a person has to do if they have diabetes. For example, Michelle is on medication and also has a diet she has to follow. She gave the students some calorie values for fast food stores such as MacDonald's and Taco Bell.

Michelle passed out handouts on the symptoms of diabetes and what to look for if a person thinks they have it. She also did a blood sugar test on herself for the class, which she does in the morning to indicate how much medication she needs to take.

## Cultures studied

Mrs. Delilah Robinson's Spanish class presented projects to the class last Friday. The projects were part of their study of cultures.

The projects dealt with such subjects as foods, agriculture, clothes, and Spanish countries.

They accompanied research papers that class members wrote.

Topics of the papers included: Peru, Venezuela, Mexican food, Mexican and Spanish architecture, and famous Spanish authors.

'Jackets, Warriors, Lions overpower

## Slumping 'Dogs lose 3 games in 2 weeks

OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST TWO WEEKS, MHS dropped three baseball games, two to non-area foes. On Mar. 21, the Vincent Yellowjackets defeated the Bulldogs 4-2, while on Mar. 26, the Thompson Warriors bombarded them 14-4. Mar. 29 marked the first area loss as the Briarwood Lions humiliated the 'Dogs 19-3 before home fans.

In the first game, Vincent's Blaine Shaw pitched 7 innings, struck out 10, and gave up only 2 runs on 5 hits for the win. First baseman Anthony Prentice hit two singles and scored one run to lead the 'Dogs at bat, while Antonio Devould, Freeman Rutledge, and Steve Spears also tallied hits. Max Whitfield's two-run home run in the first inning proved to be the deciding blow for Vincent.

Senior Johnny Holsombeck's and Anthony Prentice's home runs were not enough gunpowder to ignite the fire as Thompson defeated the Bulldogs 14-4. Freeman Rutledge, on the mound for MHS, had trouble finding the strike zone as he gave up his first loss of the season. Andy Anderson, Steve Spears, and Antonio Devould all recorded hits in the losing cause. Randy Littleton was winning pitcher.

Briarwood proved supreme over the 'Dogs in the first meeting of the two this season. Costly errors and bases on balls led to the 18-3 decision against MHS last Friday night. Steve Fortenberry who went 2 for 5 with a triple, single, and two walks, and Milton Seabolt who contributed a 3-run home run, a double, and reached base on errors twice, led to the demise of the 'Dogs. Gene Carlson got the win.

## Track team opens strong

Female members of the MHS track team placed 6th at the Lion Track Classic at Briarwood Mar. 30. Sophomore Mary Ann Sailes earned 3rd place out of 15 girls in the 200 meter with a time of 29.59 sec.

Other members are 8th graders Erica Chappell and Roberta Rutledge and sophomore Darlene Young.

Other standouts for MHS according to Coach Sammy Skinner were Albert Miller (8th grader), who did well in the long jump with a measurement of 17'11", and Sam Carter (junior) who had a good showing in the 100 meter with a time of 11.78." Other members of the boys track team are 8th grader Cliff Farrington and junior Sam Carter.

"I was pleased with the track team's effort since this is the first time any of them had been to a track meet," states Mr. Skinner.

## Golf team starts new season

Golf season opened Tuesday when the Bulldogs traveled to Buxahatchee Country Club to play Thompson in a match which featured a 176-201 Warrior victory.

The Bulldogs play the Warriors again Monday on the University of Montevallo's golf course which the Bulldogs use as their home course.

The remainder of Montevallo's schedule includes a match with Briarwood at Inverness Country Club, the sectional tournament at the University of Alabama, and the Shelby County tournament, yet to be arranged.

## Group plans to attend camp

Varsity cheerleaders are raising money to help pay for summer camp. They are selling Caribbean Blend sun tan products and sun glasses.

In their practice for summer clinic, the girls are using a new form of warm-up which consists of aerobics and muscle toning exercises.

Junior Wanda Sloan, this year's head cheerleader, will lead the group again next year.

Wanda was selected for the job by the squad and a cheerleader committee of faculty members.

New faculty sponsor Carol Czerw comments, "I am real excited about the coming year and anticipating great things from the squad."



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## FINGERS FLY FOR FAST FINISH

Typing champions Chris Sawyer and Marsha Tryon display techniques that won titles for them. Second-place finishers Lisa Burks and Jonathan Grimes are shown in the background. (See story p. 2)

## County adds another class

Next fall, returning MHSers will be faced with a change in the regular school day. An extra period has been added to all Shelby County Schools' daily schedule, making seven periods daily. Each class will contain fifty minutes of instruction.

With the extra period, there is also the possibility that additional classes can be taken.

Principal Norman Payne explains that one reason for the decision to do this is "due to no additional funds to hire new teachers, an extra period was added so more classes could be taught."

## Competition awaits band

Today the symphonic band will be attending Troy State University for the annual state contest. The group will leave MHS immediately after homeroom.

After receiving a superior rating at District contest, the band then attended the University of Montevallo contest where they not only earned a superior rating but also came away Class C winners.

Last week individual band members competed with  
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## Math teams obtain honors

ON APR. 23, MHS'S ALGEBRA I, Algebra II, Geometry, and Advanced Math Teams will compete in Shelby County's Math Tournament. The annual contest will be held at the University of Montevallo. MHS will host the ciphering portion of the competition in the auditorium.

The Geometry and Algebra II teams have already brought home honors from the Math Tournament held at the University of Alabama--Birmingham, Mar. 30.

Geometry competitors earned tops in Alabama with a first place finish in both State and District competition. Sophomore John Hardin took the first individual award in the State ranking, and Lisa Lawley, a sophomore also, was named third. Others' ratings were sophomore Randy Johnson, 10th; junior Scott Austin, 13th; sophomore Shelia Readel, 15 th; junior Bryan Crump, 19th; and sophomore Kara Child, 29th. In district, John was 1st; Lisa, 2nd; Randy, 4th; and Scott, 5th.

The Algebra II team were District champions and came in 2nd in State. In the District, individual honors went to freshmen Steve Milstead, 1st; Glenda Lawley, 2nd; Tracy McElroy, 3rd; and sophomore Meg Perkins, 4th. On the state level, the rankings were: Steve, 4th; Glenda, 6th; Tracy, 11th, and Meg, 23rd.

In typing contest

# New records reached

Sophomore Marsha Tryon set a new pace for first-year typists at MHS as she raced through 75 words per minute to become this year's champion. Teacher Susie DeMent says, "This is the highest speed a first-year student has reached since we began the contest in 1962."

In the competition which ended last Wednesday, Chris Sawyer, also a sophomore, won the first-year male division with 60 wpm.

This speed also brought praise from Miss DeMent for "it tops last year's 54 wpm which winner Andy Anderson typed.

Junior Lisa Burks with 65 wpm and David Grimes with 55 wpm are second-place winners.

In the advanced class, it was a battle to the end between senior Carol Paschel and junior Michelle Creel, last year's winner.

On the final trial, Carol was declared champion with 69 wpm; Michelle averaged 67.

## School plans extra session

Summer School will be held at MHS in addition to several other schools previously announced. Classes will begin on June 10.

All subjects required for graduation will be offered, as well as drivers ed, typing, and a go-ahead democracy/economics class.

Cost for a whole credit is \$75; half a credit is \$50.

MHS will not hold a night school this spring since the minimum number of students needed did not register says Principal Norman Payne.

## Play viewed by two classes

Students from English 10 and senior college prep English recently attended a performance of William Shakespeare's Richard II.

The performance, held at Reynolds Theater on the University of Montevallo campus, enabled students to experience how plays were presented during the age of Shakespeare.

The seniors studied Macbeth by Shakespeare earlier this year and the sophomores are now completing Julius Caesar.

### AWARDS DAY SET

On May 17, MHS will hold its 28th annual Awards Day at 9:30 a.m.

## Time to change

Students will need to remember to set their clocks back next week so they will not be late for Sunday's activities.

On Saturday, Apr. 21, at 2 a.m., the official time will become 3 a.m., as Central Standard Time then changes to Daylight Saving Time.

## Band competition -- (Cont.)

other county band members for positions in the All-County Band for the Festival to be held at the University of Montevallo. Of the 64 students chosen for the band, over one-half came from MHS.

In the senior high band Cynthia Pickett, Leah Baker, and Rickie Swift won 1st chair positions, while juniors Lori Rovelstad and Scott Austin took 2nd chair honors.

Freshmen Steve Milstead, Jenny Lucas, and Tonya Rovelstad earned 1st chair positions in the junior band. Eighth graders Angie Gerver and Cindy Robbins collected 2nd chair positions.

"I am pleased once again," says director Jim Weese, "with this year's participation. Our school was well represented by having most members selected and earning most 1st chair positions."

## 'Rude Boys' win talent show

Last Friday the PTO held a talent show in the auditorium with 15 acts participating.

First prize of \$200 was awarded to the "Rude Boys" led by John Bolling. Belinda and Richard Tripp won a second prize of \$100 for their "break dance." Third prize of \$50 went to Cecelia Rutledge.

Through the project, the PTO raised approximately \$1,000 to be used for Montevallo's schools.

# EDITORIALS

## Suggestions



## Help appreciated at MHS

Volunteers who are willing to give their time and effort to help others deserve praise. Many activities at MHS would not be possible without the help of volunteers, whether they are students or adults.

The PTO Talent Show was produced by those willing to give their time. Both students and adults helped get the show underway. All profits help Montevallo schools.

Another example of those who care is the group who talked at the drug assembly. This group who organized and shared information may have saved many lives or at least much heartache through donating their time and hard-earned lessons.

Those who give their time, effort, or money are definitely one of MHS's most valuable assets.

We thank all those who share with us.

## Coach praised

After the 12-0 victory over West Blocton, Coach Johnye Horton treated the baseball team to dinner at a local restaurant.

This is just one of the many contributions and time-consuming deeds that Coach has made for the team. The Bulldogs are grateful to their leader for all his efforts.

## Principal seeks ideas

1984-85 has been a year of improvements at Montevallo High School. Projects such as the doors in the gymnasium, the fence around the baseball field, and the plans for the walkway from the main building to the lunchroom are underway. These additions to the school have been needed for some time.

Classes from MHS have wanted a dry place to walk for many years; the gym has been a fire hazard; and the parking lot/baseball field, an eyesore. So, all of these changes are welcome ones.

Even though these additions bring longed-for improvements, Principal Norman Payne realizes that MHS

still has some problem areas.

He has asked that students notify him of any changes they would like at MHS. His desire to include student ideas in future plans for MHS is commended as are his efforts which helped bring about those projects now underway.

## PTO to meet

Students need to urge parents to attend PTO at MHS Apr. 23 at 7 p.m.

MHS's teachers will be present for the session.

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## Visitors discuss drugs

Lloyd Noland Hospital held a program on drugs for MHSers Apr. 10. The assembly was put on by Mr. Larry Robinson, program director for the Adolescent Drug Abuse Unit, with guest speakers, Mrs. Sue Ellen Capps, volunteer at the Crisis Center, and Community Service Coordinator of Lloyd Noland, Joe Aloia, III.

Mrs. Capps told the students how she got involved in doing volunteer work. Two years ago her son, after graduating from Berry High School, overdosed on drugs in Florida and died from their effects. She also gave the group a quiz and then discussed the answers.

Mr. Aloia listed statistics on drug related accidents. He also provided students with a toll-free cocaine hotline number.

Organizer for the program was PTO member, Mrs. Jerry Henson.

## Sidewalk plans revised

Several new ideas resulted in a change of plans for the sidewalk project being sponsored by the senior class. The original layout called for the walk, which runs between the main entrance and the lunchroom entrance, to be restored and covered.

The new plan shows a walk between the south end entrance of the main building and the entrance of the lunchroom which would not only cover students going to and from the lunchroom in inclement weather but also MHSers when loading and unloading buses.

The original type of cover and walk have been retained for the proposed new location according to senior class president Andy Brindley.

## Art student wins in Shelby competition

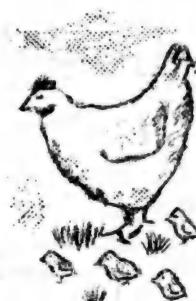
Senior Jim Turner won 1st prize in the oils and acrylics category in the Shelby County Arts Contest at Columbiana.

Jim's acrylic painting is a bust of a soft featured brunette woman on a white, blue, and yellow background.

It took him about two weeks to complete the work for the competition. He is currently enrolled in Mrs. Ann Parker's art class at Montevallo High School.

## UBCDC kids see animals

Day Care children at University Baptist Child Development Center were given a bit of farm life recently.



The children were able to view, pet, and ask questions about farm animals at a Children's Barnyard conducted by the FFA.

Animals included a hen and her chicks and a nanny goat and her kids. There also was a horse, a pony, a donkey, a duck, a lamb, and a ewe at this second barnyard held by the FFA--the other was at Montevallo Elementary School.

FFA president Michael Martin says, "I feel that these barnyards are very educational for the children, and I am glad the owners of the animals are willing to loan them to us to show."

## FFA teams rank at county

Last Wednesday the Montevallo FFA chapter's teams competed in the County Livestock, Land, and Dairy Judging Contests.

The Livestock Judging Team composed of seniors Bert and Bob Peete, junior Jonathan Bates, and freshman Lance Byrd won their contest and will compete at the District Contest in Cullman May 4.

Freshmen Wes Anderson, Barry Studdard, and Jason Turner, and sophomore John Hardin placed second in the county in land judging.

The Dairy Judging team (seniors Lonnie Layton, Michael Martin, and juniors Karla Hawks and Norman Payne) finished third.

## Countdown is on

After today's classes the Class of '85 will have 29 school days left until graduation on May 30.

They will soon begin sending out invitations which they received last Friday.

## Bulldogs zap Oak Grove

Extending their current winning streak to four games, the Bulldogs swept a doubleheader from area foe Oak Grove, 10, 7--0, 0, last Tuesday night at the University of Montevallo. The consecutive shutouts extended a string of 21 innings that the 'Dogs have not allowed opponents to score. Tonight the 'Dogs tangle with the Briarwood Lions for sole possession of first place in area standings.

In the first game with Oak Grove, Freeman Rutledge gave up only one hit and struck out 3 in 5 scoreless innings against the Tigers. The Bulldogs produced 5 runs in the first inning to set the stage for the rout.

John Holsombeck connected on a curve ball and planted it 348-plus feet away for his second home run of the season. In addition, he claimed a double and a single and had 4 rbi's. Anthony Prentice and Steve Spears also had multiple hit performances.

In the nightcap, freshman Heath Galloway had four hits and turned a double play in the fifth inning to shine as the 'Dogs' bright spot in that game.

Kevin Lucas earned his first pitching victory of the season for MHS by going the distance in the shutout, allowing only 4 hits and walking none.

## Golfers lose 2 matches

Montevallo's golfers incurred two losses in recent matches with Thompson and Briarwood.

Briarwood carded a team total of 196 to pick up their fourth victory of the season at Inverness Country Club against MHS with 228 on Apr. 16.

Low scores for the match were made by Briarwood's Alan Proctor and MHS's Andy Brindley, both with 47 on 9 holes.

A recent rematch with Thompson proved fruitless for the 'Dogs as the Warriors won 174-198.

Ralph Watson fired a 5 over par 40 to lead the Warriors, as Bulldog Slade Blackwell shot a low mark of 39 for the 9 holes.

## Team holds spring tryouts

Varsity and B-team basketball tryouts were held Monday and Tuesday of last week to determine the 1985-86 squads.

Another tryout will be held in the fall for those now participating in baseball and for any boys who transfer to MHS.

The team's spring training will consist of two and one-half weeks of practice and will end with an Orange and Blue game on May 2.

Coach Bobby Pierson comments, "I'm looking forward to next season, and I'm expecting some great things from a few guys if they stay healthy."

## Afternoon classes 'play ball'

Softball is the "in" sport for Miss Dot Bishop's and Coach Bobby Pierson's 5th and 6th period PE classes. Miss Daisy Eddins, PE major and basketball trainer at the University of Montevallo, is instructing the MHSers on improving their skills and knowledge of the game.

Miss Bishop's 1st and 3rd period students will continue playing racquetball on the UM court until the end of the year.

Students who took badminton this year competed in a tournament recently. Junior Kenneth Dukes was champion, with sophomore Danny Sterritt placing second and 11th grader Bryan Crump taking third place.

## Bert named Merit Finalist

Senior Bert Lott is a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Fewer than one-half of one percent of American high school seniors receive this honor.

Only forty percent of the finalists receive merit scholarships. Bert is being considered for a four-year undergraduate National Merit Scholarship to Washington University. He and his parents visited the college in St. Louis, Mo., this past weekend.

Bert plans to enter the field of chemistry following his graduation in May.

Lose to Calera, Thompson

## 'Dogs blank West Blocton

Knowing they were tied for last place in area standings, the Bulldogs rose to the occasion last Friday night to down West Blocton's Tigers 12-0.

The 'Dogs scored 4 runs in the first three innings to record the win and improve their record to 3-5 overall and 1-1 in area play.

### Rutledge pitches

Senior pitcher Freeman Rutledge pitched a five inning shutout to raise his record to 3-1 on the season. In addition, he struck out 6 Tigers while giving up only 4 hits.

Allen Smitherman was losing pitcher though he had help from two Tigers.

### Holsombeck hammers

Catcher John Holsombeck raised his batting average to .389 for the year by going 2 - 2; he hit a double and a triple as he led the 'Dogs in hitting.

Freshman Heath Galloway had a triple and a double while centerfielder Trey Hughes had a single and scored 3 runs also for the Bulldogs.

Scott Lippeatt led the Tigers (5-5) at the plate with 2 hits.

## PTO entertains

Seniors will be recognized at the Apr. 23 PTO meeting at MHS. Seniors and their parents are invited to attend the session at 7 p.m.

The agenda will include a program discussing "Innovative Resources," a time to honor the 1985 graduates, and refreshments.

## Bulldogs blast Hornets 14-2

by Trey Hughes

NEARING THE HALFWAY MARK of the 1985 season, the Bulldogs' baseball team won one game and lost two during the past week and a half. Calera defeated the 'Dogs 5-4, Apr. 3, while Thompson bombarded MHS 24-4 on Apr. 8. Ending a five-game losing skid, the 'Dogs downed Chelsea's Hornets 14-2, Apr. 9.

In the victory over Chelsea, which bettered MHS's record to 2-5, senior Freeman Rutledge pitched 5 innings, gave up only 2 hits, and struck out 9 Hornets to raise his pitching record to 2-1 this season.

### Chism slams homer

Senior Andy Chism, with a homer in the bottom of the second, also tripled to lead Montevallo's hitting. Jeff Kendrick had the only two hits for the Hornets, now 1-3.

Costly errors and walks proved to be the deciding factor in the Bulldogs' 5-4 loss to Calera. Starting pitcher senior Anthony Prentice performed well allowing only 2 hits and striking out 9 in his MHS pitching debut. Relief pitcher Danny Kelly, working only one inning, suffered his first loss of the season.

### Hughes, Devould, Chism lead

Leading performers for the 'Dogs at the plate were seniors Trey Hughes (2 for 3, 1 rbi), Antonio Devould (2 for 4), and Andy Chism (triple, 2 rbi's).

On Mar. 8, the Warriors produced 15 hits and 24 runs to chalk up their 24-4 victory over the Bulldogs. Homer Hummell went the distance for Thompson, while Kevin Lucas picked up his third pitching loss of the season for Montevallo.

Andy Anderson, Heath Galloway, Devould, and Hughes all recorded hits for the 'Dogs.

## Bivins places in track meet

In a tri-meet at Briarwood Christian, MHS's track team finished second with a total of 23 points.

The boys' team claimed first in the 1600m relay and fourth in the 400m relay. Sophomore Tommy Bivens was the only individual male to place. He finished first in the 400m dash.

The girls stacked up points by claiming five titles in three events. Senior Annette Adamson placed third in the mile with a time of 7:14. Eighth graders Roberta Rutledge and Erica Chappell claimed second and third in the 100m dash. In the 200m dash, sophomore Mary Ann Sails placed second and Erica finished third.

Coach Sammy Skinner explains that since MHS does not have enough track members to participate in all the events, the total points do not reflect accurately the teams' abilities.



# SPOTLIGHT

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In county competition

## Math team earns honors

Both the Algebra I and Algebra II teams from MHS won their divisions at the Shelby County Math Tournament Apr. 23. In addition to the superior performance by the algebra groups, the Geometry team placed second.

Individual winners in the competition were: 8th grader Kerry Meline, 1st; freshman Britt Blake, 2nd; and freshman Tanya Rovelstad, 3rd. Algebra II --8th grader Ky MacPherson, 1st; freshman Glenda Lawley, 2nd; and freshman Steve Milstead, 3rd. Individuals who placed in geometry were sophomore Lisa Lawley, 2nd; and sophomore John Hardin, 3rd.

The contest was composed of a written test taken at the University of Montevallo and a ciphering match performed in the MHS auditorium.

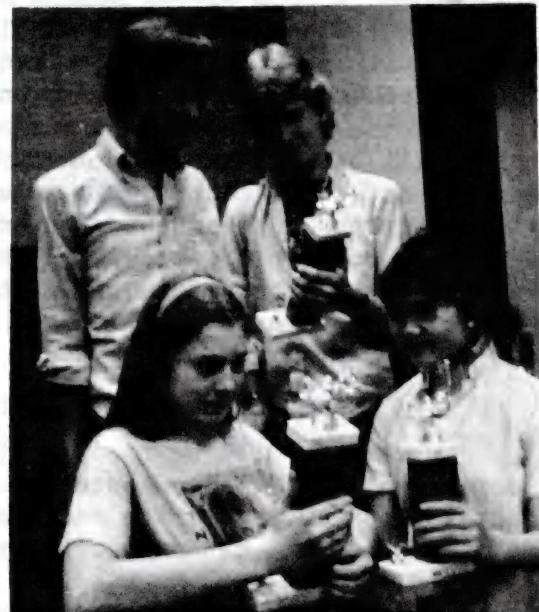
The math competition is sponsored by the math teachers' group of the Shelby County Education Association. Teacher Doug Morris is in charge of all MHS math teams.

## Students to choose diplomas

Beginning with the 1985-86 school year, students in Shelby County Schools will be able to earn a standard high school diploma or an advanced academic diploma.

To earn the advanced diploma, a student must have four years of English, four years of social studies, three credits of math, three units of science, consisting of one credit of life science and two of physical science, two years of foreign language, one credit of physical education, one semester (1/2 unit) of health, one semester (1/2 unit) of a new course--home management, and four electives.

In addition to the proposed course of study, all students will still be required to pass the Alabama High School Graduation Examination to earn either type diploma.



### COUNTY CHAMPS!

Freshmen Tanya Rovelstad, Glenda Lawley, Britt Blake, and Steve Milstead admire their trophies.

## Prom is set, May 11

The traditional Junior-Senior prom will be May 11 from 8-12 at the Regis Inn off Valley Avenue in Birmingham.

Regency will provide the music.

## Additional classes provided

Several new courses will be added to MHS's curriculum next year. These classes are needed to complete a seven-period school day. Incoming freshmen and those wanting to receive advanced academic diplomas will be required to take home management.

Counselor Colleen Colley explains that based on spring pre-registration and staff utilization decisions, the following new courses may be offered next fall: choral music, sociology, world history, woodworking, consumer math, creative writing, and directed study.

Before they pre-registered, students were given a list of required and elective subjects to take home and discuss with parents. Schedules will be built around the classes chosen from this pre-registration.

## Awards to be presented

On May 17, both students and adults who have done outstanding work or service for the school will be honored at MHS's 28th annual Awards Day.

Recognitions made will include persons named as DAR Good Citizen, Civitan Citizen of the Year, American Legion and Danforth Award winners, typing champions, top athlete, and scholarship recipients. Senior athletes will be given plaques denoting participation in sports, and cheerleaders will receive trophies.

Guest speaker for the program will be Dr. Elaine Hughes, mother of senior Trey, Beth (MHS '82) and Kevin (MHS '79). The program, with business teacher Susie DeMent as coordinator, will begin at 9:30 a.m.

## Club to induct top juniors

New members will be tapped into the National Honor Society on May 14. Candidates for membership must have had at least an 85 average each semester since their freshman year and cannot have scored a failing semester grade in any subject.

In addition to the grade requirements, students must have demonstrated qualities of good citizenship, character, leadership, and service to the school.

Present members are now planning to use part of the funds raised from their recent doughnut sale to reframe the NHS charter of the Montevallo Chapter.

## Students to view assembly

May 10 is the day for Montevallo Middle School's 8th graders to tour MHS. The program will begin with a short assembly in the auditorium.

National Honor Society members and Student Council officers will be among those speaking to the incoming freshmen.

School activities and opportunities that will be available to the students as freshmen will be discussed. The program will end with a tour of the school. The lunchroom will be the last building on the tour and there refreshments will be served.

## Group fetes top teachers

Teacher Barbara Belisle represented MHS at the second annual Shelby County Education Association Teacher of the Year banquet held last Friday at Pelham High School.

The competition included interviews with the judges and an essay written by each teacher on her philosophy on teaching. The recipient of the teacher-of-the-year-award was Mrs. Mary Virginia Sorsby of Thompson Middle School.

Mrs. Belisle was selected by the MHS faculty. She teaches English 11, drama, and history.

Proceeds from the dinner go to a scholarship fund for an award to be given annually to a Shelby County senior. Scarlett Harrison is MHS's candidate.

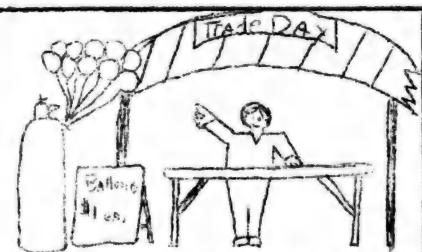
### It's News Downtown

## City to hold annual event

Montevallo Trade Day will be held Sat., May 11. There will be many booths displaying arts and crafts.

It is sponsored by Montevallo Chamber of Commerce. If anyone would like to get a booth, Mrs. Linda Booth is the person to contact.

Hoss's, a new restaurant in Pearidge, has recently opened. Lunch hours are: Monday-Friday, 12:00 noon to 2 p.m. Supper: Monday-Wednesday until 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Saturday until 5:00 p.m.; and on Sunday,



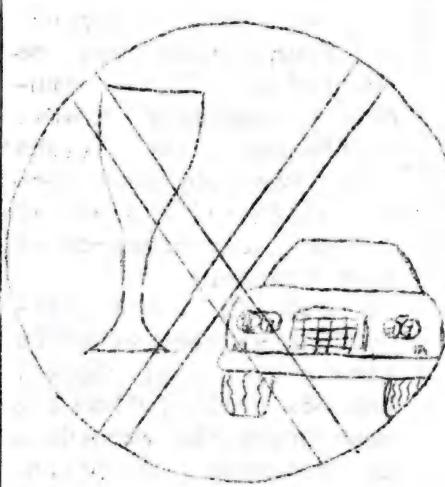
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

The business is located on Hwy. 54. For further information, call 665-4040.

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Bill's Grocery, formerly located between Montevallo Florist and Dari Delite on Main Street, has moved to a new location. It is now at the corner of Main and Shelby Streets.

Mr. Bill Nix is owner. Hours are 6 a.m. to 12 midnight. For information, call 665-1036.

# EDITORIALS



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## Prom goers warned

Dear Editor:

Prom night is a memorable experience which stays with a person for a lifetime. Some try to overdo this special occasion by drinking alcohol and then attempting to drive. In many cases the results are a traffic ticket or worse, a traffic accident.

A high percentage of MHSers drink alcohol according to a SPOTLIGHT survey taken in January of this year. It is only logical to believe that some of this group will be drinking on prom night. Several ideas should be considered to keep students from driving any amount--especially since the prom will be held in Birmingham.

One idea is to arrange for a driver and take a motor home or U-haul to the dance. Another is to ride with a non-drinking friend.

In any case, students should avoid driving after drinking, or if they do drink and drive they should do so in moderation so the prom will be a good--not bad--memory.

Seniors Andy Brindley and Trey Hughes

## Teacher thanked for kiss

It is not often that an entire school, both students and teachers alike, will discuss a fund-raiser that an organization is sponsoring. However, during the FFA's "Kiss a Pig" contest, both enthusiasm and spirit were demonstrated by all.

I would like to commend all the teachers who "volunteered" to kiss the pig. Even though some teachers sounded some protests and made statements like "I'll not kiss any animal except mankind," the majority of the teachers were willing to get involved.

I would also like to give special thanks to Coach Bobby Pierson for showing true sportsmanship in going through with his fate--even though the plastic may have been cheating a little!

I am glad that here at MHS there exists both students who are willing to get involved and teachers who are good humored at all times.

Michael Martin, FFA President

## Coach says thanks

As chairman of the first ever Old Timers Baseball Game at MHS, I would like to express my appreciation to the Boosters Club, the old timers, the baseball team, the fans, and Coach Bob Riesener for making the event the big success we felt it was.

Johnye Horton  
Baseball Coach

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FFA Notes

# FFA teams to compete

by Michael Martin

Spring is an active season for the Montevallo Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

Tomorrow, the Agriculture Mechanics Team, composed of seniors Troy Dennis, Trey Hughes, and Timmy Nash and junior Ralph Burke, will travel to Cullman to compete in the West Central District FFA eliminations.

Also competing will be the Livestock Judging Team--seniors Bert and Bob Peete, junior Jonathan Bates, and freshman Lance Byrd. Lance will also help preside over the eliminations as District Reporter.

Juniors Andy Anderson and Lee Fulton and sophomore Darrell Beasley will participate in the Small Engines Contest, and senior Mike Martin will be a contestant in the Public Speaking Contest.

In addition to competitions, the FFA chapter held its third Children's Barnyard for the Montevallo Methodist Church Kindergarten and the University of Montevallo Child Development Lab at Montevallo Methodist Church last week.

Other activities included a trip to Auburn University by several seniors for Ag Day. They were able to tour the campus and ask questions about the school.

The week concluded with a new fundraiser called "Kiss a Pig Contest." Students "chipped in" money for a teacher. Coach Bobby Pierson was the winner(?); he kissed a live pig during break.

## Group to perform comedy

Drama Club members are preparing their spring production, "Off the Track" by Felecia Metcalfe, which is to be presented May 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the three-act comedy are \$2, adults; \$1, students.

The entire play takes place in one night in a small wayside railroad station. Main characters are seniors Bert Lott, Belinda Tripp, and junior Stann Mahan. In supporting roles are Laura Arnold, Jon Carter, Riley Duren, Jay Edwards, Cheryl Graffo, Robin Nobles, Lori Rovelstad, Cecilia Rutledge, and Jim Turner.

### REPTILES TO BE SHOWN

Next Tuesday at assembly, Yarbrough's Live Reptile Instructional Program will be presented.

Admission will be \$1 at the door.

## Test value set

As of this semester, all final exams must be counted as 1/7 of a student's semester grade. In the past, the tests' value was optional between 1/4 and 1/7 according to the preference of each teacher.

This is now a Shelby County Board of Education policy. All county schools will follow the same guideline according to assistant principal Johnnie McClain.

## Musicians rank at top competition

"Excellent" was the recent rating made by the symphonic band at state contest.

Troy State's auditorium was the site for the competition.

Judges were Mr. Jim Clark, Berry College in Rome, Georgia; Mr. Dwight Satterwhite from the University of Georgia in Athens; and Mrs. Art Theil from Memphis. Sight reading judge was Mr. Kenneth Large from South Carolina.

Mr. Jim Weese commented that the performance was good but not the usual performance, adding, "The band played to their best ability."

## Instrumentalists honored

Tonight band students will be honored at a banquet at 6:30 in the Montevallo Room in the University cafeteria. Dr. John Stewart will be guest speaker.

The banquet is open to all MHS students who have marched in band at least one year. Students may bring a guest with a \$10 charge. Band members will receive awards ranging from serious ones like the John Philip Sousa Award to humorous ones like the Tired Tongue Award.

# Math class practices skills

Math teacher Johnye Horton is experimenting with his second period general math class. He has designed a different method to teach basic skills.

To learn how to find volume, he, along with his math class, measures the amount of pavement needed to make a street. City manager Don Hughes supplied the figures needed for this problem.

Other new lessons Mr. Horton has devised are figuring bills, reading scale drawings, and interpreting charts. The class plans a trip to City Hall to learn to read scale maps.

Several other assignments were also completed outside the classroom. The project started Apr. 18 and should be completed next week.

"Although the progress is slow, I believe it will prove to be a positive learning situation," claims Mr. Horton.

## Formal attire dominates

Pink and white will be the dominant colors at the prom this year. Many have chosen shades of pink for their dresses, while white will be favored for tuxedos. Running a close second are white dresses and black tuxedos. One senior, Belinda Tripp, is going for a different look by wearing a pink tux instead of a dress.

Although tea-length dresses will be popular, traditional long ones have been chosen by most. Boys seem to favor tails as their tux style this year.

Roses were selected by most couples for boutonnieres and corsages, but some will wear carnations.

Some accessories were popular also. Most girls will wear pumps while only a few choose other styles. Hats, canes, gloves, and sunglasses are all expected to be seen.

## Regis Inn to host prom

Students might not know the way to the Regis Inn, site for the Junior-Senior Prom next Saturday night.

They should follow I-65 from Montevallo and exit on Oxmoor Road.

At the stoplight, MHSers will take a left into Green Springs, make a right turn at Valley Ave., and then turn left on Beacon Parkway.

If a map is needed, one is posted in junior class advisor Barbara Belisle's room. It can be copied easily.

## Students pose

Recently spring pictures were made for students who wished to buy them. Belmont Studios of Birmingham offered the packages which ranged from \$8 to \$21.

## Survey indicates prom cost

by Cheryl Graffo

Prom expenses are more than most expected. In a recent survey, girls indicated that they would average about \$150 on their dresses. Boys need approximately \$60 for tuxedos and the cost of flowers will be about \$10. After the prom, couples will probably average \$50 on their meals. Couples will purchase about \$55 worth of accessories. Altogether, a twosome will spend around \$325 for prom night.

If half of each class (junior and senior) attends, a grand total of \$32,000 will have been used toward prom night.

Although all expenses are not yet final, the junior class has spent \$1,250 so far, with \$950 for the band, and \$300 for the rental of the Regis Inn. Invitations, food, and other costs are still to be determined.

As season winds down

# 'Dogs drop 2 out of 3

by Trey Hughes

With the end of the season approaching, last week the Bulldogs won one baseball game and lost two in a three-game stint in four days. In an Apr. 20, Saturday afternoon game, the Bulldogs pounded out 15 hits for 14 runs to defeat the Maplesville Red Devils 14-8. The previous night, the Briarwood Lions demolished the 'Dogs 15-2 in a crucial area contest, while on Apr. 22 the undefeated Jemison Panthers (11-0) downed Montevallo 5-4.

### Galloway leads at plate

In the victory over 2A Maplesville, freshman Heath Galloway collected 3 hits, scored 3 runs, and had 2 4bi's to lead the 'Dogs in hitting. Johnny Holsombeck continued his dominance at the plate by hitting for two singles to raise his batting average to .433 for the season. Sophomore Kevin Lucas, picking up the win for MHS, pitched only three innings and was relieved by Danny Kelly. Lucas gave up 2 runs on 2 hits; Kelly allowed 3 hits and 6 runs.

### Briarwood blasts

Errors, bases on balls, and lack of hitting all contributed to the 'Dogs' 2-15 embarrassing loss to Briarwood.

Antonio DeVould, Steve Spears, and Galloway collected the only 3 hits for Montevallo. Spears' was a 2-run home run.

Steve Blake struck out 7 'Dogs and pitched the distance to earn the win for the Lions, while Rutledge took the loss and fell to 4-2 on the season.

In the bottom of the sixth with one out and 2 men on, Mike Wesley connected with a Rutledge fastball and planted it over the left field fence for a 3-run home run that proved to be the winning blow for Jemison.

Rutledge pitched 6 good innings for MHS. He gave up 5 runs on 6 hits and struck out 3. Anthony Prentice, Rutledge, DeVould, and Galloway all recorded hits for the los-

# Bulldogs to uphold title

Lifting weights to aid in other sports has become an important part of most Shelby County athletic programs. Each Shelby County school's weightlifters will compete in county competition at MHS on Wednesday, May 15

The Bulldogs will not only be hosting the event, but will also be defending champions as they have taken the county title for three straight years.

The public is invited (free) to the show of strength which begins at 4 p.m.

# Teams inch past Montevallo

Last week the Bulldogs dropped two action-packed baseball games as they lost to Pelham 9-8 in extra innings on Apr. 23 and to area rival West Blocton 8-5 on Apr. 25. Both games featured late inning rallies by opposing foes that led to the eventual downfall of Coach Johnye Horton's charges.

In the extra inning loss to the Panthers, sophomore Danny Kelly performed admirably eluding the fact of being tagged with his third pitching loss of the season. Kelly pitched 6 1/3 innings, gave up 3 runs on 7 hits, and struck out 3.

### Hughes sparks comeback

Centerfielder Trey Hughes set off the 'Dogs' comeback attempt by knocking in Glenn Davis and Heath Galloway to ignite a 4-run rally that sent the game into extra innings. Pelham's John Laird brought in Mike Atkinson in the top of the eighth to clinch the Panther victory. Andy Anderson, Freeman Rutledge, Galloway, and Hughes all had multiple hit performances for MHS.

### West Blocton wins

With the game tied at 5 in the bottom of the sixth, West Blocton exploded for 3 runs and was able to hold off a Montevallo comeback to record an area win which left them in the running for the area title.

Once again Kelly (in relief of Kevin Lucas) was charged with the pitching loss for Montevallo, while Alan Smitherman got the win for the Tigers.

With a double and a single to his credit, freshman third baseman Heath Galloway was the only Bulldog to

# Team finds tough rivals

Thompson High won a joint match with Indian Springs and Montevallo at the University of Montevallo Golf Course Apr. 23. The Warriors won the event with a team total of 176. Montevallo and Indian Springs tied at 192.

Sophomore Slade Blackwell provided the brightest spot for MHS with a 5 over par 40; teammate senior Andy Brindley shot a 43.

Blackwell fired an 80 and Brindley carded 87 at the sectional tournament in Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama golf course Apr. 29.

The pair missed the cut for the state tournament, which was 78 for 18 holes.

"We enjoyed the event anyway," noted Blackwell after learning he narrowly missed the selection.

Coach Tony Berry accompanied the two to the tournament.

## Operation set

On Wednesday, May 8, Coach Richard Gilliam will be admitted to Houghston Sports Medical Clinic in Columbus, Ga. He is having surgery to correct knee problems from an accident 25 years ago.

The operation will take place May 9. "If everything goes well, it should only take 6-8 days for the major recovery," says Coach Gilliam.

Cards and letters can be mailed to him at 6262 Hamilton Road, Columbus, GA 31904

### Bulldog Growls

## Coach improves team

by Andy Brindley

An exciting new brand of baseball has accompanied the arrival of first-year Coach Johnye Horton at MHS. This season the team has won six games--more than in the last three seasons combined.

There have been several close games which could have just as easily have ended in wins for the Bulldogs.

Since his only coaching duties at the time were with baseball, Coach Horton made changes in the practice schedule. With his not being involved in football drills, he could begin work with the baseball squad earlier than in past seasons.

New equipment such as practice screens, a batting tunnel, a pitching machine, and new uniforms are now in use or shortly will be. Coach Horton appears to be the spark needed to ignite the slumping baseball program at MHS.



## Runners rank in contest

by Paula Kimbrell

Montevallo's girls' track team placed fourth out of six squads at the Shelby County track meet at Briarwood Christian recently. The team consists of Erica Chappell, 8th grader, Lafay Ford, 8th grader; Roberta Rutledge, 7th grader; and Mary Ann Sails, sophomore. They placed 2nd in the mile relay, 3rd in the two-mile relay, and 4th in the 400m relay.

Several individuals received recognition at the county meet. These were: Chappell, 2nd in the 400m and 5th in the 100m and 200m races; Sails who received 4th in the 200m; 6th grader Jennifer Bivens who claimed 5th in the long jump; Annette Adamsen, senior, who took 7th in the 1600m; and Darlene Young, sophomore, who won 7th in the long jump.

Mary Ann also claimed 5th in the 200m at the sectionals at Selma Memorial Coliseum.

Even though the boys' team did not place, senior Kevin Colley did receive 7th in the two mile. Coach Skinner compliments senior Tommy Hammett, junior Larry Sails, and sophomore David Grimes for their good showing for the season.

"I'm looking forward to next year when we have a full team so that we can compete effectively for the county championship," explains Coach Skinner.

Via incubator route

## Chicks arrive in school lab

Biology classes studied birds recently. To complete their studies, they placed 12 bantam chicken eggs in an incubator. Teacher Carol Czerw planned for the eggs to hatch on the day they had their test on the unit.

Six out of the 12 eggs hatched on Apr. 15, three weeks after they were placed in the incubator. While Mrs. Czerw was involved in testing, junior Karla Hawks sat with the eggs in the lab.

"It's very exciting and surprising to find that such a big chicken can come out of such a little egg," says Karla. The other six eggs never hatched.

The incubator, purchased from Fisher Scientific Supplies, was bought especially for the classes' bird study.

In Brierfield, Alabama

## It's Bluegrass Festival time

by Trey Hughes

Hearing the sounds of small children screaming as the one-lunged tractor pokes along a dirt road, sitting around an open campfire, exchanging tall tales, reflecting upon past experiences that may be facts or merely myths, and sitting in an army surplus tent on Sunday morning listening to the sounds of gospel music as the rain falls outside are memories of past Brierfield Bluegrass Festivals. This weekend brings the opportunity for more treasured memories as young and old alike gather at the Brierfield Ironworks Park for the event.

For eight years now, many MHS students and faculty members find themselves congregating for these festivities in the small town of Brierfield for a little foot-stomping, tobacco chewing, good old fashioned fun.

Friday greets the arrival of many campers scurrying to pitch their tents and get their hamburgers sizzling on the open grill. Friday night brings the much anticipated buck dancing to the beat of Bluegrass music.

Saturday offers the opportunity of selecting home-made crafts from the Arts and Crafts Exhibition while lunch can be eaten from the local fire department's mouth-watering barbecue. Saturday night the sounds of a bow sawing on the strings of a fiddle and the picks strumming away on the banjo fill the air and set the mood for more dancing. Finally on Sunday morning, campers depart from Bibb County, Alabama.

This celebration is vastly becoming a popular event to many people throughout the state of Alabama, those who enjoy the simple things in life --music, fun, and friendship.



## Class 'designs' math projects

Construction projects were recently designed by geometry students for a grade. According to math teacher Doug Morris a construction is a geometric figure which consists of a "given," a drawing explanation, and a justification.

To design these, the students used a straight edge, pencil or colored pencils, and a compass.

The class, which had two weeks to do the project each had a minimum of 25-30 figures in their folders when they were turned in.

## Pupils collect bugs

As spring blossoms in the air, little creatures Some of these insects will allow MHSers to become more aware of nature as they are added to biology projects.

Each student enrolled in teacher Carol Czerw's biology classes must complete a collection of 40 mounted "bugs" by May 10. Specimens must include their common names.

## Social to be held

Instructors will have their annual social May 9 at 6 p.m. at the home ec department.

All the faculty will help in food preparation. The men will grill steaks, the women will help home economics teacher Junnie Craig who coordinates the event, and home ec students will prepare desserts.